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DOJ: Federal court lacks jurisdiction

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The U.S. government has asserted that the federal court lacks jurisdiction in a lawsuit filed by four environmental and cultural preservation groups against the U.S. military and its officials over the Navy's decision to station thousands of U.S. Marines in Guam and to conduct live-fire training for those Marines on Tinian and Pagan.

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Shibahata is new PIC GM

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Yoshihito Shibahata has effectively been appointed the new general manager of Pacific Islands Club Saipan, taking over the role of former PIC GM Hiro Sugie last Nov. 1.

After serving as a general manager of PIC Saipan since 2011, Sugie would be moving to Hotel

Nikko Guam, where he will also be the GM.

Hotel Nikko Guam is under the same management company of PIC Saipan, known as Ken Corp.

Shibahata, who goes by the name Yoshi, was born and raised in Harajuku, Tokyo, Japan before moving to the U.S. to study at the age of 15.

Shibahata graduated from the University of Denver with a bach-



Shibahata

elor's degree in Business Administration, major in Hotel and Restaurant Management.

Prior to being assistant general manager of Hotel Nikko Guam, where he worked before moving to PIC Saipan, Shibahata

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Volunteers for the Salvation Army's Thanksgiving meal giveaway gather for a group photo at their site in Gualo Rai on Nov. 24.

MICHAEL T. SANTOS

Salvation Army gives out 300 trays of food

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Despite a series of electrical prob-

lems, the CNMI Salvation Army still managed to hand out 300 trays of Thanksgiving meals to their clients yesterday.

The trays—filled with slices of turkey, ham, mixed vegetables, and pumpkin pie—were distributed at both Kagman and Gualo Rai Salva-

tion Army sites on island.

"There was a good turnout today," said Salvation Army Pastor Wayne Gillespie. "We served approximately 100 meals here in Gualo Rai and then we served 200 in Kagman. We had some challenges today like how half

of our electricity in the building went out and it's Thanksgiving Day so we had problems trying to get someone to come out to fix it. We are now trying to rig our refrigerators so we won't have to throw food out. ... We

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Fair traces wartime histories

The Family History Fair last Saturday at the American Memorial Park's Visitors Center gave its audience a fun and interactive experience that gave the elderly a chance to recount their experiences during World War II.

Welch said the purpose of the fair is to get the youth to talk.

"We wanted more talking and sharing stories between the elders and the youth and we need to get these stories as soon as possible because elders won't be here for very long," he said. "Next time we intend to have more people come out."

One attendee, Patrick San Juan, said: "I actually just stopped by to watch someone specifically tell a story but the others were pretty cool too."

Preparations are already in place for another Family History Fair sometime around Memorial Day, featuring many of the *man'amko* telling their wartime stories. (Michael T. Santos)

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Air Supply to perform in charity concert in Guam

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The concert, from 6:30pm to 9:30pm on Dec. 1, is hosted by a partnership of Resorts World Manila, an integrated resort in the Philippines, and Ideal Advertising, a multidiscipline creative advertising agency in Guam.

The Australian duo—consisting of British-born singer-songwriter and guitarist Graham Russell and lead vocalist Russell Hitchcock—is expected to perform for 3,000 people.

Air Supply was formed in 1975 in Australia and has chart-topping hits in the early '80s, such as 1983's hit, *Making Love Out of Nothing at All*, 1980's *Lost in Love*, and 1982's *Even the Nights Are Better*, to name a few.

Gary Sung, owner and creative director of Ideal Advertising, is excited about the concert particularly since "portions of the proceeds to benefit the Salvation Army."

Sung owes it to Resorts World Manila and sponsors from Guam for the event.

"All this wouldn't be possi-

ble without our partner Resorts World Manila and our local sponsors that include Guam Autospot GMC, Budlight/

Grey Goose, Bank of Guam, 76/Circle K, Cherry Media, Tri Vision, Sorensen Media Group, Shooting Star Pro-

ductions, Dial Rent-to-Own, American Music, and Hyatt Regency Guam," he said.

VIP and VVIP tickets are

already sold out, leaving only general admission tickets to be sold.

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Court issues default judgment vs 3 defendants in racketeering lawsuit

U.S. District Court for the NMI Magistrate Judge Heather L. Kennedy on Wednesday entered a default judgment against three persons who are defendants in a racketeering lawsuit filed by a Korean businessman and his former company.

Kennedy said it appears

from the record that the summons and complaint have been served upon Hu Jin An, Jeong Eun Taek, and Joann P. Hensley.

Kennedy said that An, Taek, and Hensley have failed to plead or otherwise defend themselves, as directed in the summons and pro-

vided in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

"Therefore, notice is hereby given that default is entered against defendants Hu Jin An, Jeong Eun Taek, and Joann P. Hensley," Kennedy, who is also the clerk of the court, said.

Plaintiffs Il Hwan Kim and KSA Corp., through counsel

Pamela Brown-Blackburn, disclosed that they already served the summons and complaint on An, Taek, and Hensley.

Brown-Blackburn said An, Taek and Hensley failed to answer the lawsuit.

Kim and KSA alleged in their lawsuit that the defendants conspired to steal millions of dol-

lars from him for his hotel and casino project on Saipan.

Aside from those three defendants, Kim and KSA Corp. are also suing former Public Lands secretary Oscar M. Bautista, former DPL employee Ramon S. Salas, and 10 unnamed co-defendants pursuant to Racketeer Influence and

Corrupt Organizations Act and other causes of action.

The plaintiffs asked the court to hold the defendants liable to pay them damages, court costs, and attorney's fees.

District Court of Guam Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood will preside over the lawsuit. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

DOJ

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The U.S. government, through U.S. Department of Justice Environmental and Natural Resources Division trial attorney Taylor N. Ferrell, asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to dismiss the plaintiffs' complaint with prejudice.

Dismissal with prejudice means the plaintiff can no longer re-file the lawsuit.

Ferrell said the plaintiffs' request for the court to stop the relocation of Marines from Okinawa to Guam—based upon the Navy's alleged failure to consider alternative locations—is barred by the political question doctrine.

Ferrell said the decision to realign U.S. forces from Japan to Guam is a policy choice by the Executive Branch—a policy choice that the Executive Branch has formalized in a binding agreement with Japan.

The Tinian Women's Association, Guardians of Gani, PaganWatch, and the Center for Biological Diversity are suing the U.S. Department of Navy, Navy Secretary Ray Mabus, and U.S. Department of Defense, and Defense Secretary Ashton Carter for alleged violation of the National

Environmental Policy Act and Administrative Procedure Act.

The complainants, through Kimberlyn K. King-Hinds, asked the court to declare that the defendants have violated and are violating the NEPA and APA by adopting and relying on the legally deficient Final Environmental Impact Statement and Single Environmental Impact Statement to issue records of decision regarding the relocation of Marines from Okinawa to the Marianas.

King-Hinds asked the court to vacate and set aside the 2010 and 2015 records of decision regarding the relocation of Marines.

The plaintiffs demanded payment for court costs and attorney's fees.

In the defendants' motion to dismiss filed on Wednesday, Ferrell said the plaintiffs lack standing to assert their claims for declaratory relief with respect to the Guam relocation, because the court cannot act to redress their alleged injuries.

Ferrell said plaintiffs' claims seeking APA review of the Joint Military Training regime proposed for Tinian and Pagan should also be dismissed for lack of jurisdiction, because those claims do not challenge any final agency action.

Ferrell said the U.S. has not

waived sovereign immunity over the plaintiffs' CJMT-related claims, and that those claims are unripe for adjudication.

Ferrell said plaintiffs' request for injunctive relief and to vacate the records of decision regarding the relocation of Marines from Okinawa to the Mariana Islands presents a non-justiciable political question.

Ferrell said plaintiffs ask the court to set aside or enjoin a decision made by top Cabinet officials in the Executive Branch and formalized in political commitments and binding international agreements with an important U.S. ally.

This request for relief, Ferrell pointed out, raises precisely the set of core concerns that animate the political question doctrine.

Ferrell said the court should dismiss as non-justiciable plaintiffs' request that the court second-guess the Executive Branch decision to relocate Marine forces from Okinawa to Guam as part of a diplomatic and military strategy to protect the U.S.' interests in the Pacific.

Ferrell said the secretaries of State and Defense arrived at a decision to relocate Marines from Japan and to station

those forces in Guam. He said that Japan has agreed to fund the building of infrastructure to facilitate the relocation.

Ferrell said the U.S. and Japan have entered into a binding international agreement to carry out that plan.

Ferrell said plaintiffs' claims ask the court to disrupt this diplomatic arrangement, upending Executive Branch policymaking, and calling into question the ability of the U.S. to honor its commitments.

"Such a claim is non-justiciable under the political question doctrine and should be dismissed," he asserted.

Ferrell cited that no Department of Defense component has completed its decision-making process for the Joint Military Training program training, and there is no final agency action under the APA with respect to the CJMT live-fire training ranges on Tinian or Pagan.

Ferrell said because the court has no jurisdiction under the APA to review Defense's Pacific Command's preliminary analysis of impacts from proposed CJMT training on Tinian and Pagan, the plaintiffs' claim that the proposed training on the two islands was improperly segmented from

the Guam relocation proposal is also non-justiciable.

Ferrell said because the CJMT Environmental Impact Statement is in draft form, it is not a final agency action, and therefore this court does not have jurisdiction to review it under the APA.

Ferrell said plaintiffs' claims that the Navy failed to consider alternative training locations are not justiciable because there is no final agency action for proposed CJMT training on Tinian and Pagan.

On ripeness issue, Ferrell said if plaintiffs choose to bring their claims after a decision is made on CJMT training on Tinian and Pagan, the court will be able to review those claims with the benefit of a complete administrative record which, along with the decision document, will provide the basis for the court's review.

Earthjustice attorney David Henkin had stated when the lawsuit was filed in July that the Navy's decision would have devastating consequences for the people of Tinian and Pagan.

Henkin said NEPA requires the Navy to take a hard look at all of the impacts associated with relocating 5,000 Marines to Guam and to look at alter-

native ways to accomplish its goals before making such a decision.

"The Navy blatantly violated those mandatory legal duties when it decided to station Marines on Guam without any consideration of the destruction from live-fire training the Navy claims those Marines will need or of other places those Marines could be trained with far fewer impacts," Henkin said in a statement.

King-Hinds stated in the complaint that in July 2010, the Navy issued a final Environmental Impact Statement to evaluate the relocation of approximately 8,600 Marines from Okinawa to Guam.

SHIBAHATA

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used to be Hilton Guam Resort and Spa assistant GM and Hyatt Regency Guam's director of rooms.

Shibahata plans to sustain Sugie's efforts once he takes over PIC's 308 rooms, restaurants and bars, water park, sports, and recreation areas.

"My job is to carry on Sugie's hard work. My job is to make [PIC Saipan] better and not be afraid to make any changes. I don't want to take too much risks, but I have to take a small amount of risk to make it better," said Shibahata. "This will be good [for Saipan] because Saipan's tourism is growing. It is increasing, coming from Asia."

Shibahata looks forward to working with the Saipan community through PIC.

"I plan to keep the traditions of the local culture," he said. "I look forward to working with the local people respectfully. I want to make sure I'm there not just for my team, but also as a people's hotel; I plan to make PIC a people's favorite."

Sugie would be moving to Hotel Nikko Guam, also under Ken Corp., which is the management company of PIC Saipan.

E-Land Group, a Korean conglomerate based in Seoul, owns Coral Ocean Point, PIC Saipan, and the Kensington Hotel.

Ken Corp. Ltd., a Japanese company based in Tokyo, owns PIC Guam, Nikko, Sheraton Laguna Guam Resort, Hilton Guam Resort and Spa, and Hyatt Regency Guam.



First lady Diann Torres, through the Lady Diann Torres Foundation, donates turkeys to the Salvation Army's soup kitchen on Thanksgiving Day.

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SALVATION

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did pretty well."

Gillespie pointed out that those who went to their soup kitchens also went to make a donation.

"We're happy with the number of people who showed up as well as others walking in to donate. There were cash donations, the first

lady [Diann Torres] came in with a turkey, and we were happy with that," Gillespie said. "We think there's a lot of folks out there who can't afford a Thanksgiving meal and so we hope to provide that for them and their families. Some people just don't have any other place to go and they would like to come looking for other people and seeking fellowship."

Gillespie thanks all the

volunteers who showed up at the two sites as well as those who came over to either donate or just have a meal with them.

A volunteer, Raga Ksllina Fitipol Adolfo, said, "I volunteered mainly for my community service hours for school but it was fun. Not only did I get to help the community, volunteering might also help me find a job easily in the future."

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Students return from Japan trip

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The Saipan Mayor's Office, in conjunction with Kokusai Seishonen Kenshū Kyōkai, organized its annual study trip to Japan in order to maintain ties with the Japanese community as well as promote the island of Saipan.

Students, all mixed in terms of age, gender, and schools, departed for the Narita airport on Nov. 9 and returned to Saipan on Nov. 15.

Representatives of KSKK said, "We always look forward to having the students from Saipan every year, because the students are always

genuinely enthusiastic and are pure at heart."

Since the students made their visit during the autumn season, they also had the chance to see and feel the transition from summer to winter.

Yuki Kishimoto, student exchange program coordinator, said, "We are very grateful for the experience KSKK had given us and we hope that the friendship they made in Japan would be a long lasting one. Many of them wished to visit Saipan in the near future and we do hope to see them again [on] Saipan next time."

Some of the host family members were students of Meiji Junior High and High School, so several students from Saipan had the opportunity

to visit the school during their home stay. Some attended classes and joined club activities with their host family.

"We sang the national anthem at the sayonara party and we also did a quiz game. The students asked the host families question about Saipan like what's 'hello' in Chamorro and that was very nice to see," Kishimoto said.

Sanpo-en is looking at Feb. 8-14, 2016 for next year's Japan trip. Again, they are inviting 10 students. Similar to the KSKK trip, the students will pay for the airfare but the rest of the accommodation will be taken cared of by Sanpo-en. For more information, contact the Saipan Mayor's Office at (670) 234-6208.

(Michael T. Santos)



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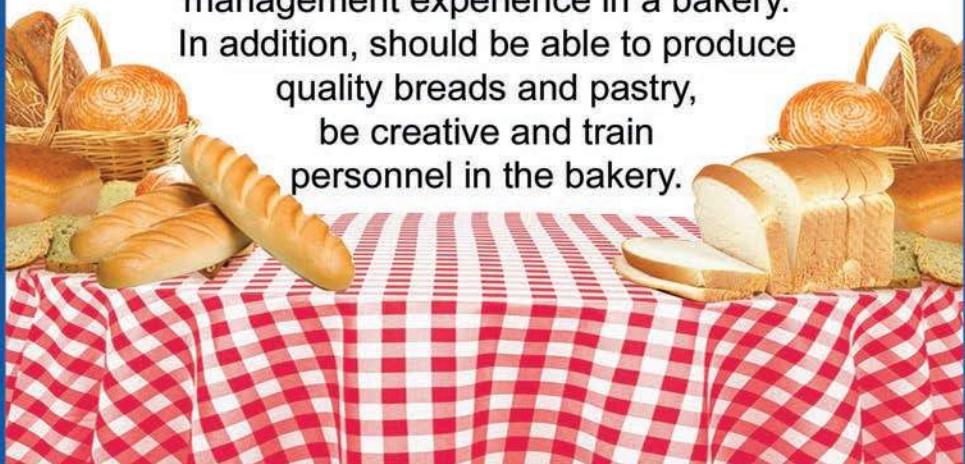
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CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282). (CUC)

Sobriety checkpoints on Saturday

The Department of Public Safety's Traffic Section will be conducting sobriety checkpoints on Saturday, Nov. 26. The first checkpoint will be from 6pm to 8pm along Beach Road Garapan to Beach Road Susupe. The second checkpoint will be from 10pm to 11pm along Chalan Pale Arnold Road in Puerto Rico to Chalan Lau Lau. Each checkpoint will be operated for two hours. The checkpoint will be cancelled when it rains. (DPS)

Bank of Guam closed today

Bank of Guam will be closed today, Nov. 25. The bank's Saturday branches in Yigo, Dededo, Harmon, Upper Tamon, Tamuning, Hagatna, Mangilao, and Malessa will reopen on Saturday from 9am to 1pm. For more information, contact Jackie Marati at (671) 472-5258. (PR)

Free medical mission on Sunday

The Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ (4th Watch) will host a free medical mission at its chapel in San Jose on Nov. 27, 2016, Sunday, from 4pm to 6pm. There will

be blood pressure check, blood sugar check, weight measure, and eye screening. There will also be free body massage, facial cleansing, haircut, snack/refreshments, and giveaways. For more information, contact 789-7566. (PR)

Military training at FDM

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. military will conduct 24-hour training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla on Nov. 25-28. The public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear of the areas during the date and times indicated. (PR)

CUC office hours

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. will be closed today, Friday, Nov. 25, 2016. Regular business hours will resume on Monday, Nov. 28, 2016. For emergencies, contact the CUC Call Center at 664-4282 (4CUC). (CUC)

Chamber to host career exploration day

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its "2016 Career Exploration Day" on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2016. High school juniors and seniors will choose a field of business they are interested in and will be paired with a participating chamber business.

Students will be recognized at the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Hall during the chamber's membership meeting on Dec. 7 at 12pm. For more information, call the chamber office at (670) 234-7150 or email administrator@saipanchamber.com. (SCC)

SHEFA deadlines

The SHEFA deadline for new application only is on Dec. 1, 2016. The deadline for all supporting documents is on Feb. 28, 2017. All documents must be complete and submitted at once. (SHEFA)

Wage and salary statement workshop

The Division of Revenue and Taxation, Department of Finance will be conducting a workshop for the Annual Wage and Salary Statement, Form (W-2CM) for tax year 2016 and other 2016 yearend filing requirements. The workshop will be on Friday, Dec. 16, 2016. The first seminar will be from 8am to 11am and the second will be from 1pm to 4pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center. Businesses, employers and all payroll service companies are encouraged to attend. Please confirm your attendance by calling the Division of Revenue and Taxation at 664-1000 and 664-1098 or fax at 664-1015. (PR)

Holiday closures at Visitor Center

The American Memorial Park Visitor Center will be closed in observance of the upcoming federal holidays:

- Dec. 25, 2016, Christmas Day
- Jan. 1, 2017, New Year's Day

Park staff would also like to encourage the public to visit the Visitor Center. With the exception of the holidays closed, the VC is open every day from 9am to 5pm.

If you have any questions, contact park ranger Brooke Nevitt at 234-7207 or 2020 or email brooke_nevitt@nps.gov. (NPS)

Holiday bazaar on Dec. 4

The annual Brilliant Star School Holiday Bazaar will be held Sunday, Dec. 4, from 9am to 4pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. The event is an opportunity for artists and other vendors to showcase their arts, and for residents and visitors to get an early start on buying unique and beautiful gifts for the holidays. Interested vendors may contact the school at 323-STAR (323-7827). For parents who would like to have a little alone shopping time, the event features an arts and crafts area for children. The daylong event is also graced by performances throughout the day by various community cultural and arts groups. There will also be raffles. (PR)

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This year's number of registered new cars on the road could surpass last year's numbers, based on data released by Bureau of Motor Vehicles director Juana C. Leon Guerrero. BMV's annual report showed that a total of 1,856 new cars were registered in

Plans are afoot to abate road congestion

2015, 172 less than the year-to-date number of 1,684.

Renewals are also expected to increase with 14,277 from Jan. 1 to Oct. 31 compared to the annual data of 14,267 in 2015. Overall, the year-to-date total—including the new and imported cars, renewals, and

transfers—is at 19,563 against the 20,447 in 2015.

And that increase in the number of vehicles is a cause of road congestion, with traffic usually building up during the morning rush hour and the commute back home. Long lines of cars are usually seen

in areas near schools or bus shelters.

That's why the administration, together with the Department of Public Safety, Department of Public Works-Technical Services Division, and other concerned agencies, are mapping out plans to ease traffic congestion, especially in the Garapan tourist district.

Acting governor Victor B. Hocog said they have been meeting with the government agencies to address congestion on the road, most particularly in the Garapan—Beach and Middle roads—area. "TSD and DPW are mapping out some re-routing to ease the flow, reduce traffic congestion, and ensure everyone's safety," he said.

The first phase of the plan is expected to be finished early next month, with the public seeing a clearer picture of the re-structured traffic scheme.

Increased activity

DPS Traffic Section commander Sgt. Anthony Macaranas said the high volume of vehicles on the road—both by residents, those coming back from the mainland, and tourists—also saw an increase in the number of traffic violations and other incidents.

Macaranas said that they have been busy citing traffic violators and responding to car accidents. "We noticed an increase in traffic violations, also in traffic crashes. That's why we want to tell drivers to be vigilant while on the road," he said.

There have already been 1,730 car crashes in the CNMI since Jan. 1 to early this month compared to the 1,676 in 2015.

That's why Macaranas is advising everyone to be a defen-

sive driver. "You have to look at the other drivers and be aware of their movements on the road in order for you to also be safe."

"We don't want to have more crashes. We want drivers and the public to arrive safe while they are traveling from point A to point B. We also want to remind everyone that we are out there enforcing the laws and we will not allow drivers to continue the violations that they have been doing," said Macaranas.

Public transport

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said in an earlier interview that the new public transportation system would help ease traffic and congestion on the road. Two specialized buses are set to arrive either in January or February next year and commuting would be an alternative to lessen the number of cars on the road.

"We come to a point that our population is growing and this would also assist the needs of those who can't afford to have their own transportation. Aside from carpooling,

tourists can also use it since the route will be along Beach Road from Garapan [T Galeria area] to [Pacific Islands Club]," said Torres.

He added that studies have been conducted in areas where traffic is heavy, especially in Garapan around Paseo de Marianas. "We are thinking of putting up traffic signs in some areas and working on one-way streets. We're taking data and we're working with DPW, the Marianas Visitors Authority, Emergency Management Services, and other concerned departments."

"We are making sure the one-way system is done right, especially during emergency situations. Once we put all of this into place, especially if you park at the wrong area, ticketing would be strictly implemented," said Torres.

He said a massive information campaign would be held before they implement the new traffic plan that aims to have a more organized situation and less traffic congestion. "We're going to have a 30-day notice to inform the community. So I'm advising everyone to park at the right areas, don't go into one-way streets, and follow the law. If you got a ticket, you'll pay for it."

DORE participant sent to jail for 3 days for violations

The federal court has sanctioned a probationer with three days in prison for violating conditions of the Drug Offender Re-Entry Program.

At a DORE session on Tuesday, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona accepted the Drug Team's recommendation that Vicente Aldan Sablan should not receive credit for the month of November.

Manglona ordered Sablan's immediate imprisonment for three days.

Sablan is expected to be released from prison today, Friday, at 12pm.

Manglona, however, did not order Sablan to complete his remaining community service hours.

The judge set the next DORE session for Dec. 20 at 3:30pm.

According to the minutes of Tuesday's session, Sablan informed the DORE team regarding the challenges that he faced in November. He apologized for not being able to complete his community service and requested that he be given another chance.

U.S. Probation Officer Gregory Arriola informed the DORE team that Sablan attended all his counseling sessions and all drug tests have returned negative except for the Nov. 7, 2016, presumptive positive result.

The Nov. 7 result, however, came back negative.

The only issue with Sablan is that he has not been com-

municating with his probation officer.

Marianas Counseling Services counselor Crispin Sablan apprised the team that another presumptive positive result last Monday had been sent out for testing.

Manglona asked Vicente Aldan Sablan regarding his presumptive positive test result and that he was under oath to tell the truth. He insisted that he did not use any drugs.

Vicente Aldan Sablan was informed that he has to complete community service, but had only completed 14 hours of his hours.

Last January, the court again revoked Sablan's supervised release for using "ice" anew and for violating other conditions. Manglona sentenced him to imprisonment of five days.

Sablan was then placed on 34 months of supervised release. He was later allowed to participate in the drug court program.

Sablan pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine and was sentenced in April 2014 to eight months in prison, with credit for 28 days. He was placed on three-year supervised release.

In February 2015, the court revoked Sablan's supervised release and sentenced him to one month in prison and 35 months of supervised release for drug use and failure to comply with the substance abuse program. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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Black Friday deals to help start off the holiday season

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IT&E

Thinking that one day is not enough to satisfy everyone's needs, IT&E will hold a month-long Black November. Its main attraction—the seven series gift bundle that is as low as \$229 and includes an iPhone 7 case, screen protector, 6" charging cable, \$10 iTunes gift card, and a phone.

Triple J

Triple J helps kick off the holiday season with a four-and-a-half-foot Christmas tree plus color switch at \$69.95 and a 2.1-meter Christmas tree for \$19.95. Other sale items include a refurbished Vizio 58" LED TV at \$849.95 and Seiki 32" LED TV at \$299.95.

Town House

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Moonlight Shopping

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Petersburg joins CDA board

wealth Development Authority board would bring a differ-

ent perspective.

Petersburg, who is a lawyer

and previously worked in the law offices of Bruce Berline and Mark Hanson, was appointed to be a member of the CDA board. His credentials were reviewed last Wednesday by the Senate

committee in a public hearing held at the Senate chamber on Capitol Hill.

Committee chair Sen. Francisco Q. Cruz (R-Tinian) said they are glad Gov. Ralph DLG Torres appointed a lawyer to the board. "We're glad that someone who has knowledge of the law and knows how to draft legislation is appointed. Now CDA won't [have to] use the Office of the Attorney General in drafting legislation or asking for legal opinions."

He said Petersburg, once confirmed by the nine-member CNMI Senate, could help the CDA in looking into legislation that would make the agency perform its duties better "especially now that we are looking forward to CDA working with other agencies. ... We [want to] make the CNMI more prosperous, where the community would benefit through job opportunities and others. Those are the things that I'm looking forward to."

Committee vice chair Justo S. Quitugua (Ind-Saipan) said that Petersburg could assist CDA in drafting new laws that concern the agency or amend existing statutes. "Is it possible to suspend the qualifying certificate for 15 years or hold it? Or is it necessary to suspend or repeal it totally? He could help look into that area."

He added that the QC program currently offers tax breaks that aim to attract new investors.

Quitugua, once Petersburg is confirmed, suggested that CDA should also start mapping out plans based on the renewed economic development on the island. His major con-

cern, however, is the uncertain future of the CNMI-Only Transitional Non-immigrant Workers Visa program.

"Right now, there's a shortage of apartments and housing, and we need to address that. But what happens if the CW-1 program ends in 2019 and the workers leave? We will be expecting a lot of empty and vacant apartments and foreclosure of properties. I hope CDA would look into it."

Sen. Sixto K. Igisomar (R-Saipan) also advised Petersburg not to be afraid of changing what he thinks are antiquated systems and rules that are no longer work. "Whatever service you could give, provide it. If it requires changes through statute, bring it to us. The legislators will be behind you."

Petersburg told *Saipan Tribune* that he could also help the board with his critical thinking and problem solving skills. "Those are the skills that I will bring to the CDA. Help them in tackling the problems and challenges the CDA is facing."

"I personally thank the members of the committee. And they had made some great suggestions along those lines. I will certainly take their concerns to heart and along with the board, management, and staff we're going to assess and review what is in place and see if there are necessary changes to be made." (Jon Perez)

Tudela: Everything under control

With the spirit of Thanksgiving at the Saipan Municipal Council, acting mayor Antonia Tudela expressed thanks and gave insights on her current role as mayor.

"I would like to wish a happy Thanksgiving to all communities on island as well as all the people because this is a great day. So far as acting mayor, I am very happy and am enjoying helping the people. I'm just here to follow whatever the mayor wishes to do, since he has pending things to be done, and I can see the community is happy with what he is doing," she said.

"Right now, I'm taking care of the mayor's place as well as the municipal council but everything is going well with the help of the staff. They are very good people. I found out that they are very willing to assist the community whenever they can," Tudela said. "I'm asking the people that if they have anything in mind, please call the Mayor's Office, I'm always ready to assist them."

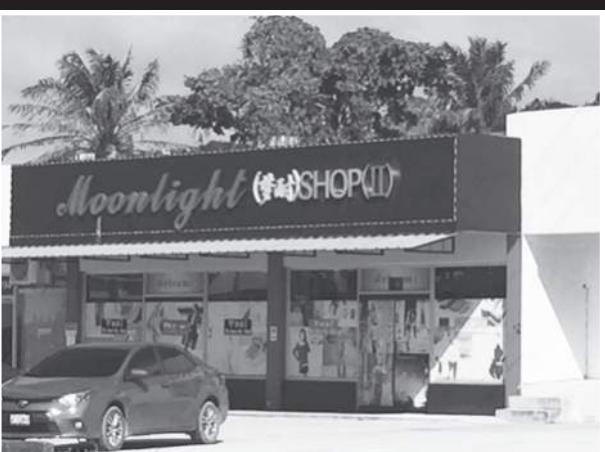
Tudela explained that everything is under control with the projects—the churches, roads, and the overall beautification of the island—that she has been entrusted with. (Michael T. Santos)

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SIS forensics team shines in Nov. competition



Christina Kim takes first place in one of her competitions at the Speech and Debate Competition.

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The Saipan International School Geckos Forensics Team enjoyed much success at the November competitions at Tanapag Middle School and Kagman High School this past weekend.

In the National Speech and Debate Association events for high school students, Shea Hartig won her second consecutive blue ribbon in the Lincoln-Douglas debate, while Allan Lee earned fourth place in his very first debate competition. Sally Lai won the U.S. Extemporaneous Speech competition.

In the National Junior Speech and Debate Association events for middle school students, Mylan Goodwin won first place in Original

Oratory and third place in Masters' Prose. Christina Kim won a blue ribbon in Masters' Prose and fourth place in Declamation. Tiffany Jung won first place in Prose, while Matthew Berline earned second place in that category as well as in Impromptu. Nastya Shamaeva placed second in Impromptu and Poetry and fifth in Lincoln-Douglas debate. James Lee took home second place in Original Oratory, while Victoria Torres earned third place in both Chamorro Interpretation and Masters' Prose. Maria Greigoire earned a fourth place ribbon in Impromptu. Congratulations to these wonderful young scholars! (PR)

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DPS chief likens drug war to speeding motorists

Public Safety Commissioner Robert A. Guerrero likened their war on methamphetamine or "ice" in the CNMI to speeding motorists.

Guerrero said that whenever they arrest a bunch of "ice" traffickers, everything slows down then would pick up again.

"It has ups and downs," he added. "It's like speeding.

You might have a radar, then we will find a way to get you and you will find another way to beat the system. So it's a revolving issue, I would say," the commissioner said.

Guerrero said the "ice" problem on Tinian and Rota are working closely with the



Guerrero

being addressed. He said the CNMI Drug Enforcement Task Force not only concentrates on Saipan but is also monitoring Tinian and Rota.

He said DPS di-

Drug Enforcement Administration and DETF.

"Anything that pops up on that area, our unit goes down and checks on it," he said.

Guerrero appealed for people's help or the community's assistance in its strategy against drugs. He said they are more than willing to hear from the community. (Ferdie dela Torre)

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Australia shows that large-scale change on gun violence is possible

The shaggy-haired 28-year-old calmly finishes his big lunch at the tourist-filled cafe. He pushes away from the table and slides a semi-automatic rifle from his bag. Indiscriminately, he guns down everyone around him.

Video captures rapid fire and chaos. Parents wrap themselves around their mortally wounded children. Others, trapped and terrified, play dead in hopes of escaping the gunman's next barrage.

Dazed survivors talk about seeing bodies everywhere. Political leaders express their condolences and convey the federal government's full concerns. Authorities are baffled by what they describe as Martin Bryant's mission of death.

But folks throughout the country do know this much: 35 people are dead, 23 wounded. And they don't want it to happen again.

This sounds like a gut-wrenchingly familiar chapter in America's story. Only this time the narrative doesn't fade out into a resumption of the status quo. This massacre—20 years ago, in April 1996—led to real change.

You see, Bryant inflicted his horror not in the U.S. but on the island of Tasmania, off the southern coast of Australia. The country's criminal justice system held Bryant responsible—he remains in prison on a life sentence.

Beyond that, just-elected Prime Minister John Howard, a conservative, led the country in doing something remarkable. Those in charge forged a bipartisan deal with state and local governments to enact far-reaching gun laws. Polls showed overwhelming public support for the measures.

The specific strategies Howard's government put into place aren't the right ones for America. But what makes the Australia model worthy of attention is that it stands in sharp defiance of hopelessness. A conservative-led government's constructive actions contradict those who maintain that the gun problem is unconquerable, that smart laws can't make a difference.

Australia put its National Firearms Agreement into action within two months of Bryant's rampage.

The law prohibits automatic and semi-automatic assault rifles and pump-action weapons; it also required residents who already owned high-powered long guns to sell them back to the government. More than 650,000 firearms were handed in at a cost of \$350 million, funded by a temporary federal tax.

The law also made buying other guns more difficult. People must pass a safety test, show good moral character and wait at least 28 days to make their purchase. And they must qualify under carefully defined "genuine needs" to own a gun. Private sales are prohibited, and all weapons must be individually registered to their owners.

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Guitar riffs, pumpkin bread and good people—a lot to be thankful for

I wish I could skywrite all I'm thankful for, but I don't have enough money and there isn't enough sky.

So this will have to do:

I'm thankful for the crisp autumn air, for the leaves that bravely clung to their trees longer than usual this year, letting the richness of fall colors ride us through a time when reminders of beauty were needed.

I'm thankful for apple bread. And pumpkin bread. Zucchini bread, too. Really any kind of sweet bread that pairs well with coffee, which, it's worth noting, I'm also most thankful for. Very much. Every day. No matter the time of year.

I love you, coffee.

I'm thankful for people who make me laugh. And I'm thankful for people who write things, singers who sing things and filmmakers who film things that make me cry. And when someone manages to do both? Man, I'm thankful for that, because the full range of emotion is something we should all feel, as often as possible.

It reminds us of what matters and how alive we are.

I'm thankful for people who admit when they're wrong, and for people who don't boast when they're right. I'm thankful for those unafraid to ask questions and those equally unafraid to find answers. All those things take courage.

I'm thankful for the people brave enough to serve this country, in any branch of the military, in any location on earth. The reason for my gratitude is simple: What they do and have done is what allows me to do what I do. Without them, I don't write freely, I don't joke about politicians, I don't criticize or condemn or congratulate.

If I was skywriting all this, the soldiers, current and past, would get the biggest airspace. And it still wouldn't be good enough. Not even close.

I'm thankful for ice cream. It completes me.

I'm thankful for people who slow down to let others merge. For the ones who hold the elevator. For the folks who hand you a penny when your total at the convenience store is \$5.01.

I'm thankful for the guitar riff that kicks in in the background on Aretha Franklin's "Think," right when she sings, "There ain't nothing you could ask I could answer you, but I won't." I'm thankful for the passion in Jerry Garcia's voice when he sings "Mama, mama, many worlds I've come since I first left home" on the Grateful Dead's "Brokedown Palace."

And I'm thankful to Tupac Shakur for making me feel much cooler than I actually am when I rap along—in my car, with the windows rolled up—to "Picture Me Rollin'."

I'm thankful for those who stand up to bullies, for those who

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make the world a better place for others, for the volunteers and philanthropists and kindhearted souls who see the value in every person and fight for fairness and justice.

I'm thankful for neighbors who wave and strangers who nod hello and people you bump into accidentally who don't get mad.

I'm thankful for comic books and the little boy I'm lucky enough to read them with at night. I'm thankful for a wife who puts up with my bad jokes and self-amusement and for a dog who farts with gusto.

And I'm thankful, so very much, for you, for all of you, the ones who visit this space and read these words and laugh or get mad or think about something differently or fire off angry emails or call me names or share my words with others.

I'm thankful for the opportunity each week to try to be right, to sometimes—or depending on your opinion of me, to always—be wrong and to still get the chance to pick up and try again the next time round.

What I do is a privilege. I never lose sight of that, and I'm thankful to everyone who picks up a paper or clicks on a link.

I don't reflect on these things often enough. I bet most of us don't.

Thanksgiving is turkey and family and arguing and loving and football and crack-of-dawn shopping and the pivot to a season of celebrations. And we might utter a quick word over dinner when asked what we're thankful for, but there's always more than whatever pops to mind.

There is plenty, for all of us. Some have more hurt, more hardships and pain, but all who are breathing have much to be thankful for, people to thank and good fortune to acknowledge.

I hope we find more time to think about the good that surrounds us.

And I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving, filled with gratitude. And hopefully ice cream.

It goes great on pumpkin pie. God, I love that stuff.

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Holiday cheer

I caught a segment on a radio station that listed the most annoying types of people that you might encounter at Thanksgiving dinner. I didn't pay much attention to the segment, other than noting that in recent decades the holidays seem to get more downbeat coverage than upbeat coverage. This year won't be an exception.

This is one realm where Saipan and the mainland aren't in synch. Saipan isn't cynical about the holidays.

But, what the heck, we can play along with the theme and consider the annoying-people-at-the-dinner-table thing. I shall give the matter some beach chair analysis.

I first contemplated the annoying-people cadre when I was a teenager working retail sales jobs. There was a certain breed of malcontent that considered store clerks as ripe targets for unpleasant behavior. They'd employ a threat, either implicit or explicit, that they'd complain to management if the clerk wasn't sufficiently obsequious.

I rarely had any problems with this, though, since I never cared if I kept my job or not. This, paradoxically, made me a very hard target and it kept interactions on an even keel.

Not all of my co-workers had the luxury of indifference, however. The more they needed to keep their jobs, the more grief they were likely to get from some random neurotic. I never liked seeing those scenes, but there was a silver lining. It reemphasized to my impressionable young mind the importance of using my formative years to get myself in circles with people I wanted to be around. This doesn't eliminate annoyances entirely, of course, but it can minimize them.

Taking the bigger context of human interaction, you choose your friends. You choose your spouse, and, by virtue of that fact, you also choose your in-laws. If life is kind enough to give you some cards to play, then, to a greater or lesser extent, you can choose your colleagues. And, depending on your profession, you might even be able to choose your customers or clients.

Of course, nothing is perfect even in the best of circumstances. So, in the spirit of the holidays, I'll offer you a method for dealing with an annoyance. This is especially handy when you're traveling and likely to encounter strangers who are in a rush and who might be ill-mannered: Instead of cursing your luck at having to interact with them, instead of reacting to them, and instead of being irritated at them, consider that you're being given a "negative example" of what you don't want to become.

After all, if someone is rude or annoying, that's their burden in life, not yours.

When we consider the term "example" we usually think of something positive; something to emulate. But the negative, as a fate or a condition to avoid, can be just as instructive. I think that nature can be kind to us and offer us these periodic lessons, but they don't do us any good if we don't have the presence of mind to heed them.

You may have encountered, or seen pictures of, the old design of Chinese coins. These coins were circular on the outside, just like normal coins, but they had square holes in the middle. I've since read that the square holes were a vestige of the old-school manufacturing process, but I never bothered to chase down fur-

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The result? In the two decades prior to the reforms, Australia saw 13 fatal mass shootings, defined as those with five or more victims. In the two decades after, not another mass killing has occurred. The law also appeared to accelerate a reduction in firearm-related homicide and suicides, without prompting a rise in alternative means of death.

That's two wins: An intervention designed to stop mass shootings also has limited other gun-related deaths.

Daniel Webster, a Johns Hopkins University researcher specializing in gun violence, agrees that the Australia model isn't the right solution for the U.S. But that doesn't diminish its power in America's own conversations.

The significance, he notes, is that the Australia experience "provides a useful example of how a nation can come together to forge life-saving policies despite political and cultural divides."

The daunting size of America's gun violence doesn't have to paralyze us. Large-scale change is possible.

ther information on that, so I can't give a definitive answer as to the rationale behind the design.

But, however the design got there, it allows us to make a concept out of it. We can regard the circular outer edge of the coin as a reminder to have smooth interactions with everyone around us; that's the external realm. As for the center hole, the angles of its square can be regarded as the sharp points that we reserve for our own self-discipline; this is the internal realm. I know a few people, all of them professionals, who try to keep one such coin in their pocket to serve as a tangible reminder of the tactic.

Looking back at the holiday context, my wife and I don't have to deal with annoying people at Thanksgiving dinner, or at any other event, since we don't keep company with them. The holidays serve as a convenient scheduling benchmark all the way around so that kith and kin can make arrangements a year in advance. Outside of that, well, like the Jimmy Buffett song says,

Idea of self-marginalization

When we give ourselves the perfect royal screw out of pure ignorance or ill-trained lapdogs you cringe how our benefactors in Washington would see our grand *mañana* contributing to self-marginalization, financial demise and misery.

I'm sure the Bloomberg story has metastasized—spread all over—Washington, "staggering" members of Congress at the NMI's largess that out-earned Macau's casino titans. It forces key players to observe the CNMI hence: U.S. casino industry including committee chairmen who have given generously to SNAP and other entitlements to the islands.

Relying on casual relationship with the Donald would be delusional.

Would grant funds for basic infrastructure, healthcare, education and other socio-economic needs be generously considered when we refuse to tax the \$13.5 billion the casino industry here reportedly raked in? The issue boils down to the realistic exercise of self-government that includes shoring up one's financial needs through taxation. Did you get this, pal?

Washington knows our old retirement program is bankrupt, CHC is funded on a half-cocked basis thus we can't even buy pajamas for in-patients. Moreover, we had to endure healthcare rationing. We can't even provide sufficient funds for medical referral.

And we refuse to tax Best Sunshine for the \$13.5 billion it just collected? At 5 percent, it translates into \$695 million we could spread into healthcare, education, retirement, basic infrastructure, local SNAP, etc. Sayu?

The grating issue is the lack of funds for local needs while billions of dollars are washing up our shores. Did you get that, pal? Is this really pure ignorance? Then why chance seeking re-election if you can't employ vision and attribution to institute true representation and the use of due diligence to dispose of issues that matter by doing them right? Why is the NMI in such disarray?

Housing issues

One of the strong indicators that an economy is thriving is in the performance of its housing industry. It signals economic prosperity moving in, thus people have well paying jobs enabling them to begin building and spending.

Is this the case here today? Wasn't there an evacuation of folks of some 3,000 to 4,000 to Guam, Hawaii and the U.S. mainland in recent past? What triggered the evacuation?

The hardship falls under a single umbrella we know of as the "economy." It's far from making huge strides as to ably lift all boats. And not after 25 years of stagnant wages and salaries under Republican charge! In other words, there's no improvement in family income throughout the period. Therefore, families can't lift a finger on building or buying the first family home!

Oops! One would assume that perceptual economic improvement including the eventual establishment of the casino industry would trigger a surge that lifts all boats. But the firm bought large parcels of land with houses and apartments. This scheme effectively alienated assimilation into

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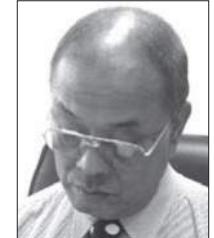
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"If the phone doesn't ring, it's me."

Anyway, I hope that you had a good Thanksgiving. The broad discourse will now offer four weeks of often downbeat holiday themes, but I prefer to indulge the holiday spirit, so my final word on the matter is: cheers!

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the local community.

We see stories of economic improvements in the pages of the newspapers sliding off the edge and far removed from trickling down to family pocketbooks. Sing it, "Where have all the flowers gone?"

Is there a chance to revive the mighty dollars of the mid-'80s? There was the Japanese bubble that burst and took out the wind from beneath our wings. The apparel industry is history. Would investments that just took off lose its luster to external disposition? Take a closer ocular review and place it on your radar screen with some sense of vision, integrity and humility.

Retreat: One could appreciate the confused mindsets on imperial Capital Hill literally struggling to deal with vital issues of substance. Most have morphed into chaotic stage. I don't revel in my laurels hoping it fumbles the ball habitually. After all, each failure translates into unsolicited abysmal hardship for villagers everywhere. What then is the missing equation?

About the only thing I've heard so far is: "I don't know Maria." I mean there's that serious sentiment of distrust in civic institutions that sent any decent mind quizzing the lack of agility to rein-in one failure from tripping everything else behind it. But the steady tune of "*que sera, sera*" gets louder by the day too. Troubling!

There's dire need for a collective retreat among the elected elite to reset buttons before our future is turned dead and motionless like the MV *Luta* in the Tanapag Harbor.

Local lingo: In search of understanding why the elected elite has missed their bus rides time and again (people's issues), I listened to a House session on Channel 23. There was a seesaw debate. Then members voted and disposed of the issue.

Announcing the vote, the presiding officer said, "That takes care of it!" Wow! I didn't know past tense could be re-inflected to substitute as present tense. I would settle for "That takes care of it" but not "took."

To avoid any future embarrassment in your misapplication of syntactical construction, please stick to our native tongue. It grants greater understanding and clarity too! Plus, no one would "took" you for you erroneous reinvention of the rules of inflection.

Disarray: Away from the raucous noise of the holiday season, I'd defer to the quiet corner of my mind to retain calm and sanity. Troubling though the discordant echo from a distance that kept returning during the wee hours of the morning or sunset. Why is the NMI in such disarray?

It reminded me of a joke about the difference between micro and macroeconomics. The former is when you are broke, the latter when the government is underwater. Collectively, both are broke, and you wonder if the mounting fiscal anomaly hasn't descended into the cranium of our men of infinitesimal wisdom.

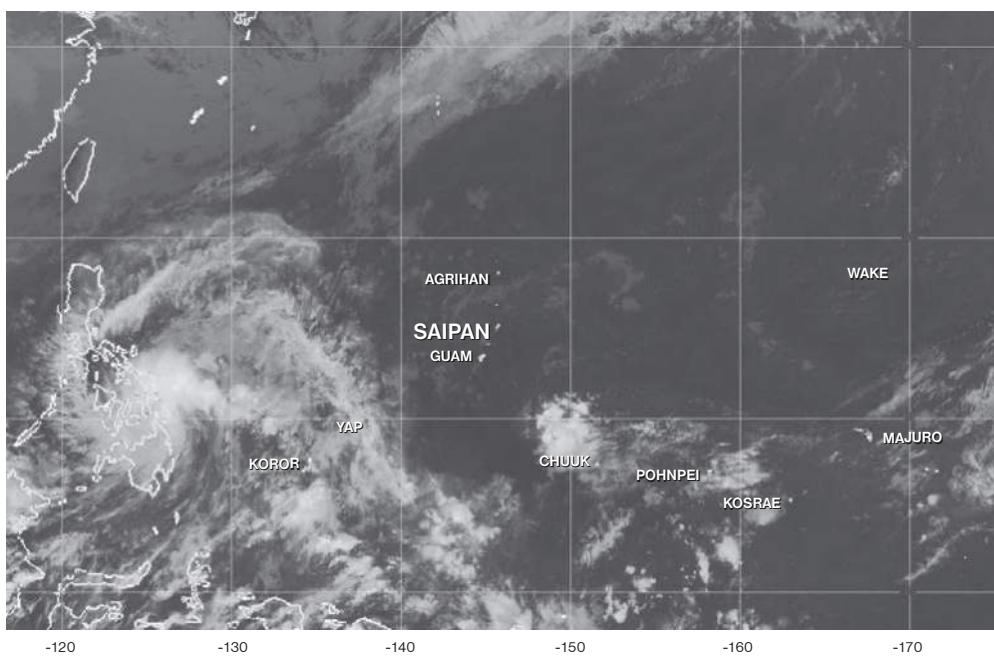
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YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 5:50 AM, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2016

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Moderate trades are present across the Marianas. IR satellite shows areas of low cloudiness, but radar indicates only isolated showers associated with that cloudiness. Seas are near 6 feet at all the buoys. Showers will be isolated the next few days, with somewhat better coverage at night.

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MICRONESIA		
Guam and Rota	Partly cloudy	82 / 89 °F
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Kosrae	Partly sunny	82 / 87 °F
Majuro	Partly cloudy	82 / 86 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE		
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Honolulu	Partly sunny	72 / 78 °F
London	Sunny	44 / 50 °F
Los Angeles	Sunny	47 / 73 °F
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Melbourne	Partly cloudy	51 / 62 °F
Miami	Partly cloudy	72 / 79 °F
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UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
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7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
LJ652	2:10pm	6:05pm	Daily	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
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MCS' Theatre Club presents Walt Disney's The Lion King Jr.

Mount Carmel School's Theatre Club is all set to present its latest production, Disney's *Lion King Jr.*, which is being directed by school president and club adviser Galvin Deleon Guerrero. Based on the Broadway production directed by Julie Taymor and the 1994 Disney film, the show will be staged on Friday, Dec. 1, and Saturday, Dec. 2, at Saipan World Resort.

"This may be our biggest show yet," said Deleon Guerrero, who noted that tickets are already almost sold out.



"After all, this is one of the most successful musicals of all time, and we are finally bringing it to Saipan!"

The Lion King Jr. tells the story of the epic adventures of a curious cub named Simba as he struggles to accept the responsibilities of adulthood and his destiny as king. Along the way, the young lion encounters a colorful cast of characters including spunky lioness Nala, charismatic meerkat Timon, and loveable warthog Pumbaa. To claim his rightful place on the

throne and save his beloved Pridelands, Simba must find his inner strength and confront his wicked Uncle Scar. *The Lion King Jr.* features classic songs from the 1994 film such as *Hakuna Matata* and the Academy Award-winning *Can You Feel the Love Tonight* as well as additional songs penned for the Broadway production.

Playing the role of Simba are Leighton Palacios as the young Simba and Brent Ortiz as the older Simba. While this is Ortiz's first lead role, he is no stranger to the Theatre Club, especially since his two older brothers, Ryan and Michael, have played prominent roles throughout the club's 20-year history.

"I thought I would just be an extra, so I was surprised and honored to be cast as Simba," said Ortiz. "I've always looked up to my brothers, so it's great to continue their legacy, especially in Theatre Club, which has been like my second family."

That sense of family is something that fellow cast members feel as well, including Kalea Borja, who plays the role of Rafiki. As she put it, "Being in theatre is the best feeling in the world because they become your friends and make you feel like family. ... I also like my character, which is a lot like me: wise, witty, and humorous."

Fellow cast member Javon Gersonde also enjoys playing the character Scar. "It's very cool playing this awesome villain, especially with all the stunts that I do," he said. "It's also been very nice and fun joining the Theatre Club."

The cast also features Malina Tenorio and Kiana Propst as the younger and older Nala, respectively, Kyla Cabrera and Chloe Lopez as Timon and Pumbaa, respectively, Christian Guerrero as Mufasa, Jewel Combinido as Sarabi, Tivana Torres as Sarafina, Tanisha Bachani as Zazu, and dozens of student extras playing various animal characters.

Disney's *The Lion King Jr.* features music and lyrics by Elton John and Tim Rice, additional music and lyrics by Lebo M, Mark Mancina, Jay Rifkin, and Hans Zimmer and book by Roger Allers and Irene Mecchi and is based on the Broadway production directed by Julie Taymor. Disney's *The Lion King Jr.* is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International. Script, music, and all other material—2015 Disney Broadway Junior and

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Mount Carmel School's Theatre Club has been producing plays, musicals, and films for over 20 years now, including several Disney productions and works by William Shakespeare.

For more information about Mount Carmel School's Theatre Club production of Disney's *The Lion King Jr.*, call 234-6184. (MCS)



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The lead cast for Disney's *The Lion King Jr.*: Front, left to right: Malina Tenorio, Brissa Hunter, Ruben Guerrero, and Carlo Diaz. Back, left to right: Tanisha Bachani, Brent Ortiz, Leighton Palacios, Javon Gersonde, Chloe Lopez, Kyla Cabrera, and Kalea Borja.

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MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST**REQUEST FOR QUALIFIED PROPOSALS – SHIP -VI
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The Marianas Public Land Trust (MPLT) announces this request for qualified proposals for the following:

- 1) Two-story 5 Bedroom Concrete House in Kannat Tabla, Saipan - 1 unit
- 2) 2 Bedroom Concrete House in Kagman III, Saipan - 1 unit
- 3) Two-story 4 Bedroom Concrete House in Sinapalo, Rota - 1 unit

MPLT Resolution 10-10-A2 establishes the Supplemental Home Investment Program (SHIP), under the program, MPLT offers these acquired homes in its inventory to qualified persons. The three significant qualification requirements include the following:

- 1) the homes are offered at the minimum appraised value;
- 2) each proposer is credit-worthy for debt-service for the amount of the appraised value of the home; and
- 3) the proposer is certified as qualified under the CNMI Homestead Program with the CNMI Department of Public Lands, Homestead Division.

The interest rate is 2% per annum fixed under the program.

Notice is given to all proposers that there are no warranties of any kind as to any of the homes under the SHIP program. Homes are presented for proposals "as is and where is" without warranties as to habitability, suitability or fitness for purpose. It is the responsibility of each interested proposer to inspect or commission an inspection of the property.

In this announcement MPLT solicits qualified proposals for the acquired houses listed above. They are not subject to the right of redemption. Below is a photograph and short description of each home as well as the minimum appraised value. Interested proposers may pick up the application packets at the MPLT Office at House No. 1222, Capital Hill; or with the MPLT Loan Administrator (Bank of Saipan) in Chalan Kanoa or at www.mplt.gov.mp

The deadline for submission of proposals for any of the houses is **Wednesday November 30, 2016 at 4:00PM**.

MPLT hereby reserves the right to cancel, modify or reject this RFP and any proposals should the Trustees determine that doing so is in the best interest of the Trust.

Public invited to the unveiling of Christmas Village

On the heels of Thanksgiving, the much-awaited event in the CNMI that will usher in the holiday season is ready to be unveiled and viewed for the first time this Sunday, Nov. 27, with the official lighting of the first ever Christmas Village, a project spearheaded by first lady Diann Torres.

A Christmas Village is an idea collaborated between the First Lady Diann Torres Foundation, Imperial Pacific International, Ltd., and the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, and will showcase a splendid Christmas-themed wonderland at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center courtyard.

An assortment of structures is aglow with bright lights, activities and Christmas fanfare aimed at entertaining the public.

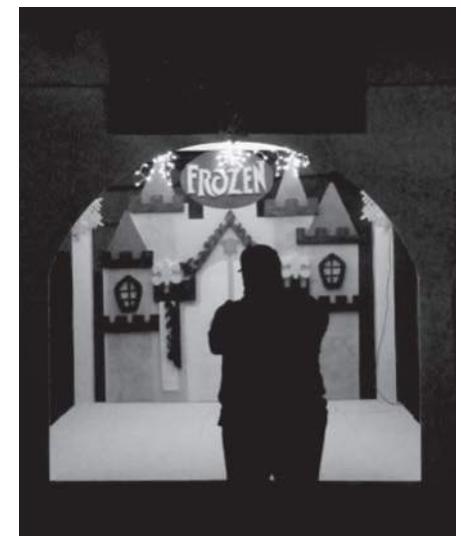
A Christmas Village is an unprecedented project in the CNMI drummed up by first lady Diann Torres and her partners that came into being with Imperial Pacific International, Ltd. at the helm of logistics.

Imperial Pacific International, Ltd. Corporate Social Responsibility executive director Geri Dela Cruz said, "To celebrate the spirit of the holidays, the public is invited to join the many different organizations that have exerted their creative talents in building the Christmas Village. This will be a perfect venue for families and visitors to take photos and enjoy the holidays."

Joining the main organizers/collaborators are various agencies, companies and individuals from the government and private sector such as the



The colorful and well-decked courtyard is inviting the public to this Sunday's unveiling.



The Frozen mini structure basks with lights.



The multi-purpose courtyard is illuminated Wednesday evening as Imperial Pacific International's Corporate Social Responsibility team puts on the final details of the first-ever "A Christmas Village".



A glowing footbridge will surely be a crowd-drawer.

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NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for

Crystal Star Corporation dba Mountain ATV-UTV

The Public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Crystal Star Corporation dba Mountain ATV-UTV proposes to operate an All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) – Utility-Terrain Vehicle (UTV) Tour in the Rapugao/Sadog Tasi areas. This use is classified as "Amusement Outdoor, Intensive" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. The project is located on Lot No. 1330, Tract No. 22655-1, EA 801-3, and EA 801-4. These areas are zoned as Rural.

Date: December 01, 2016
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School - Cafeteria
 San Roque

Comments on the proposal may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted directly to the Zoning Office before 4:30 pm, November 30, 2016. Please send written comments via e-mail to Therese.Ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp, via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or deliver them to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq.) and the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013.

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Chairman

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for

Northern Mariana Islands Football Association dba NMI Soccer Training Center

The Public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Northern Mariana Islands Football Association dba NMI Soccer Training Center is proposing to construct a soccer field and training facility. This use is classified as "Stadium" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located in Koblerville next to the Fire Station on Lots 005 & 604. It is zoned as Public Resource.

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Saipan Globe International Group Limited dba Saipan Globe Hotel

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Business

US businesses cheer overtime ruling; many already upped pay

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Businesses around the country on Wednesday cheered a court decision blocking the Obama administration's sweeping new overtime rules, but many had already raised salaries or ordered managers to stick to a strict 40-hour workweek to avoid costs they expected to incur starting next week.

An injunction issued Tuesday by the federal court in the Eastern District of Texas prevents the Department of Labor from mandating overtime pay for salaried employees who make less than about \$47,500 a year—a dramatic jump from the old threshold of \$23,660.

More than 4 million workers would have been newly eligible for time-and-a-half pay under the rule, which now faces far more uncertainty from Donald Trump's incoming administration.

The ruling giving businesses

a reprieve "is a little late for a lot of people's taste," said Tom Gimbel of Chicago-based LaSalle Network, a staffing firm that advised companies on how to prepare for the new rule. "A lot of companies had already rolled it out."

Wal-Mart, for example, raised entry-level managers' starting salaries by \$3,500 in September to stay above the threshold. But there were also raises among clerical workers for Opportunity Village in Las Vegas, a nonprofit that teaches vocational skills to people with disabilities and raises its money through private donations and running a thrift store.

Opportunity president Bob Brown said he couldn't bear to backtrack on the decision.

"It's put us in a difficult situation—you're spending money you wouldn't have been spending," he said.

In Colorado, some restaurant owners operating on thin margins shifted salaried managers to hourly pay so they could better track their hours and cap them at 40.

"That was demoralizing for managers who felt they were being demoted," said Sonia Riggs, CEO of the Colorado Restaurant Association.

The Department of Labor last May ordered the changes to give overtime to many more American workers, saying they would "go a long way toward realizing President Obama's commitment to ensuring every worker is compensated fairly for their hard work."

Inflation had weakened the U.S. overtime law passed decades ago. Overtime provisions applied to 62 percent of U.S. full-time salaried workers in 1975 but just 7 percent today.

That means some low-level retail and restaurant managers are making \$25,000 a year but aren't eligible for overtime, even when they're working 60 hours a week.

The court agreed with the rule's opponents that the labor department overstepped the authority it has from Congress and that the rule could cause irreparable harm if it took effect Dec. 1 as scheduled. The department is now considering its legal options, but Trump will be in charge of the department after taking office on Jan. 20.

Trump told the news website Circa in August that he hoped small businesses would get an exception from the overtime rule, although the issue was not a prominent presidential campaign theme.

The rule's supporters are now grappling with implications for workers who were

expecting more overtime pay just as the holiday shopping rush gets underway.

"This is about the worst news they could get heading into Thanksgiving and the holiday season," said Vicki Shabo, vice president of the National Partnership for Women & Families, a Washington, D.C.-based group that promotes workplace fairness.

Workers who want to make

a good impression on their employers, feel compelled to cover for absent co-workers or are passionate about their jobs often put in far more than 40 hours a week and end up making a sub-minimum wage. Advocacy groups say employees who work for free are giving up time they could be spending with their families or advancing their education to get better paying jobs.

Billionaire investor is Trump's Commerce secretary pick

WASHINGTON (AP)—Wilbur Ross, the billionaire investor considered the "king of bankruptcy" for buying beaten-down companies with the potential to deliver profits, is President-elect Donald Trump's choice for Commerce secretary, a senior transition official said.

The official isn't authorized to publicly discuss the matter and requested anonymity.

Reputed by Forbes to be worth nearly \$3 billion, Ross would represent the interests of U.S. businesses domestically and abroad as the head at Commerce. His department would be among those tasked with carrying out the Trump administration's stated goal of protecting U.S. workers and challenging decades of globalization that largely benefited multinational corporations.

With a Florida home down the road from Trump's Mar-a-Lago retreat, the 78-year-old Ross played a role in crafting and selling the president-elect's tax-cut and infrastructure plans. Ross has suggested that much of America is disgruntled because the economy has left middle-class workers behind and says Trump represents a shift to a "less politically correct direction."

"Part of the reason why I'm supporting Trump is that I think we need a more radical, new approach to government—at least in the U.S.—from what we've had before," Ross told CNBC in June, referring to Trump's blunt tone and sweeping promises to reinvigorate economic growth.

Despite his embrace of populist rhetoric, Ross has enjoyed a patrician lifestyle. He frequently commutes between his offices in New York and home in Palm Beach, Florida, according to Haute Living magazine. He maintains an art collection worth more than \$100 million that includes

works by the Belgian surrealist Rene Magritte. A graduate of Yale University, he pledged a \$10 million to help build its management school.

Commonwealth Zoning Board Meeting Agenda

Thursday, December 01, 2016 • 5:00 PM

Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School, San Roque

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A. Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of 11/03/2016 meeting minutes
5. Public Comments (*not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings*)

B. Public Hearings

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C. Communication

D. Old Business

1. None

E. New Business

1. Office Operations Reports (Permits, Enforcement)

F. Executive (Closed) Session

G. Miscellaneous

- a. Other Matters
- b. Announcements
- c. Next Meeting

H. Adjourn

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact the Zoning Administrator, Therese T. Ogumoro, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ *Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman*



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) VACANT PROPERTIES - OORT OF SAIPAN

CPA-RFP-003-17

OCTOBER 27, 2016

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority is accepting sealed proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposals (the "RFP") and other contract provisions, for awarding a lease contract for three (3) lots of real property leases of Authority property on Saipan, in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Authority has three (3) vacant property lots available for lease in an area zoned for commercial/industrial.

This RFP is issued pursuant to Chapter 40-50, Procurement Rules and Regulations of Title 40 of the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (the "NMIAC"). Title 40, including Chapter 40-50-225, **Request for Proposals**, is applicable to the process followed by the RFP.

Proposal requirements and property details can be picked up at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor – arrival terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport beginning Thursday, October 27, 2016, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Proposals must be received by the authority at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd floor – arrival building, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 5, 2016

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

By: CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Acting Executive Director



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM



PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the "Open Government Act", the Public School System State Board of Education, through their Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC), is hereby serving notice to the general public that it will hold its ICC Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 29, 2016, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, at CDAC Office in Garapan, Saipan. This meeting is open to the public; interested individuals are welcome to attend.

AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order**
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Presence of a Quorum
 - c. Adoption of Agenda
 - d. Adoption of Minutes (August 10, 2016)
- II. **Coordinator Reports**
 - a. Annual Performance Report (Submission due February 2017)
 - b. SSIP III (Submission due April 2017)
- III. **Open Discussion**
- IV. **Meeting Adjournment**

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend this meeting, but require accessibility such as large print, sign language or interpreter, must call 664-4841. Several days' notice is necessary to allow organizers ample time to make necessary arrangements.

/s/
Margaret Aldan
Chairwoman

/s/
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Interim Coordinator,
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Nation

Women for Trump Cabinet: Haley picked for UN, DeVos for Ed

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Injecting the first diversity into his Cabinet-to-be, Donald Trump selected two Republican women on Wednesday who had unflattering things to say about him during the presidential campaign: South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley to serve as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations and charter school advocate Betsy DeVos to lead the Department of Education.

Gov. Haley has little foreign policy experience, yet Trump praised her as “a proven deal-maker.” DeVos, like Trump, is new to government but has spent decades working to change America’s system of public education.

DeVos and Haley are the first women selected for top-level administration posts as the president-elect works to shape a White House team from scratch. Haley is the daughter of Indian immigrants, so she also would be his first minority selection after a string of announcements of white men.

Retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson said “an announcement is forthcoming” on his role, which would make him

the first black choice—possibly as secretary of Housing and Urban Development—but he also suggested he’d be thinking about it over the Thanksgiving holiday.

“I feel that I can make a significant contribution particularly to making our inner cities great for everyone,” Carson wrote on his Facebook page.

Trump is also expected to select billionaire investor Wilbur Ross Jr. to lead the Commerce Department, a senior Trump adviser said Wednesday, speaking only on condition of anonymity because the adviser was not authorized to disclose internal deliberations.

The 78-year-old Ross, who is white, is chairman and chief strategy officer of private-equity firm W.L. Ross & Co., which has specialized in buying failing companies.

Wednesday’s picks came as Trump worked to distance himself from the “alt-right,” a movement of white supremacists who continue to cheer his election.

He announced his two new choices in a statement released as he gathered with family behind closed doors at his Palm Beach estate for Thanksgiving.

He’s spending the holiday there after a week of interviews of potential appointees in New York, punctuated by announcements of members of his national security team.

In a Thanksgiving message posted on social media, Trump acknowledged that the nation “just finished a long and bruising political campaign.”

“Emotions are raw and tensions just don’t heal overnight,” he added. “It’s my prayer that on this Thanksgiving we begin to heal our divisions and move forward as one country strengthened by shared purpose and very, very common resolve.”

Bad blood between Trump and his new Cabinet selections had been evident through much of this year’s campaign.

“The people of South Carolina are embarrassed by Nikki Haley!” Trump wrote in March. Haley denounced several of his campaign comments and urged voters to “reject the siren call of the angriest voices.”

DeVos, from Michigan, told The Associated Press in July, “A lot of the things he has said are very off-putting and concerning.”

Drugs, alcohol not involved in bus crash; 6th child dies

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.

(AP)—A school bus driver had no drugs or alcohol in his system when he careened off a road and smashed into a tree, killing six elementary schoolchildren, police said Wednesday.

Chattanooga Police Sgt. Austin Garrett said a toxicology test was performed on Johnnthy Walker, 24, the bus driver now in jail on five vehicular homicide charges.

Later Wednesday, the police department said in a statement that a sixth child had died of injuries from the crash and another vehicular homicide charge would be added.

Federal authorities said Walker left the designated bus route and had driven onto a curvy road while carrying 37 children on their way home from Woodmore Elementary School.

Police said he was driving well over the posted 30 mph limit when he lost control of the bus and slammed into a tree. Five children remain in the hospital.

National Transportation Safety Board Chairman Christopher A. Hart says it’s unclear why driver Walker left the designated route and drove the bus down Talley Road.

“One of the things we’re exploring is A, has he done it before, and B, if so, why?” Hart said.

He said Walker, who has no criminal record in the state, had taken on a second job at an Amazon Fulfillment Center, and part of the agency’s investigation will look at whether fatigue played a role in the wreck.

The NTSB will also bring in a specialist to analyze video and audio recordings from the bus’s interior cameras that were damaged in Monday’s wreck.

Police disputed one woman’s claim that the driver asked the children if they were “prepared to die” just before the wreck. Jasmine Mateen, whose 6-year-old daughter was among the dead, said one of her two

surviving children who were on the bus told her about the driver’s remarks.

Garrett, however, said at a Wednesday press conference: “I want to be very clear on this. No witness we have spoken with has that information or provided it directly to our investigators.”

He added that investigators have not yet interviewed the children on the bus and asked anyone with additional information to bring it to police.

Three of the children killed were in fourth grade, one in first grade and another in kindergarten, said Kirk Kelly, interim superintendent of Hamilton County schools. The age and identity of the sixth child wasn’t immediately released. A makeshift memorial to them grew up around a telephone pole, with stuffed bears, flowers and dozens of balloons.

Their families remembered them as fun, happy children taken much too soon.



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SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES PROJECT NO. CPA-IFB-001-17

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed bids for **Solid Waste Collection Services** for the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The **bid package** containing all the specifications, date of pre-bid meeting, and other requirements will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building beginning **November 04, 2016** upon payment of **\$100.00** to be made at CPA Accounting Office, 2nd Floor, Departure Terminal Building, Saipan International Airport. All responses to this IFB shall take into account any costs that will be charged to the bidder awarded the contract for the project. Bidders shall also take into consideration all necessary badging requirements and fees for this project.

Bids will be received at the office of the Executive Director, mentioned above until **2:00 PM LOCAL TIME, Monday, November 28, 2016**. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked: “Bid for Solid Waste Collection Services at the Saipan International Airport, Project No. CPA-IFB-001-17”. Bidders are to submit one (1) original and three (3) copies.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Invitation For Bids; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Acting Executive Director



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-17-012

ROTA WATER SUPPLY PROJECT

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Rota Water Supply Project, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This work consists of the demolition of existing building structure, fence, pipes, valves, including appurtenances, installation of new 6-inch, 8-inch, & 10-inch PVC water line complete with necessary valves and fittings, construction of a new well building, chlorination building, booster pump building, and several reconfigurations of the existing water system. CUC requires the Project to be completed by August 1st 2017.

This project is funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from the above mentioned funding agency.

The Bid Documents may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one Bid Documents package set. The Bid Documents consisting of the specifications and plans for the project, will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be conducted at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on **December 7, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. A Site Visit of the CUC Rota Water facilities will be scheduled by CUC Rota thereafter. Prospective Bidders shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

One (1) Original and Five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “CUC-IFB-17-012-Rota Water Supply Project” to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **December 22, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bid. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier’s check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Bidder. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers’ questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI’s Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI’s Insurance Code.

Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offor due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor’s preparation of a bid or supply under the contract. The IFB does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the bid under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offor are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this IFB shall take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor’s Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: <https://marianaslabor.net/>. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered Prospective Bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on December 12, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Travis Spaeth, CUC Water-Wastewater Engineer via email address travis.spaeth@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address Marcela.Tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and to waive any defects in said bid documents, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Administrator

Asia



A Filipino man lays flowers beside pictures of missing left-wing activists during a gathering of relatives and friends in downtown Manila, Philippines, Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2016. AP

Families wait for justice 7 years after PH massacre

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Relatives of victims of a 2009 massacre in the southern Philippines that left 58 people dead, more than half of them media workers, marched Wednesday to the presidential palace in Manila to protest the lack of convictions in the ongoing trial seven years after the killings took place.

Other relatives attended a Mass and lit candles at a southern cemetery where some victims are buried to mark the anniversary of the Nov. 23, 2009, massacre in Ampatuan town, the bloodiest election-related killings in the Philippines and the world's worst single attack on journalists.

The victims were traveling in a convoy of vehicles when

they were flagged down and escorted to a hilltop where police and gunmen loyal to a local warlord are accused of summarily executing and burying them in mass graves. The brazen killings were allegedly an attempt to prevent the provincial strongman's rival from contesting elections in one of the poorest and most violent corners of the country.

"It's been seven years but we have not seen any progress," Arlene Lupogan, a widow of one of the slain journalists, told reporters as she suppressed tears. "It is so painful for us that every year we are here but nothing has changed."

Mary Grace Morales, whose husband and sister were among the 32 media

workers killed, lamented that the previous administration's promise to convict the perpetrators came to nothing. She said families of the victims want to meet with current President Rodrigo Duterte to call for justice.

"We cannot do anything but hope," she said in a telephone interview from southern General Santos City.

The human rights group Amnesty International expressed disappointment that two consecutive administrations have failed to provide justice for the victims and their families, with the trial marked by delays. It said it has yet to see a genuine commitment from Duterte to protect press freedom.

be in addition to AU\$213 million that Australia had already spent on Syrian aid since 2011. King Abdullah II also thanked Australia for its pledge in September 2014 to resettle an additional 12,000 Syrian refugees, saying most would come from camps in Jordan. The king said Australia was taking "a tremendous moral responsibility" and that Jordan had "done more than our fair share in shouldering the burden on behalf of the world."

Intelligence-sharing pact between SKorea, Japan takes effect

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—An intelligence-sharing agreement between South Korea and Japan took effect Wednesday after the countries signed the pact to better monitor North Korea, Seoul officials said. South Korea and Japan had exchanged military intelligence via the United States under a trilateral agreement signed in 2014. But the Asian neighbors had no direct intelligence-sharing system largely because of disputes stemming from Japan's colonial rule of the Korean Peninsula from 1910 to 1945. South Korea's defense minister and Japan's ambassador in Seoul signed the deal Wednesday. Seoul's Foreign Ministry said the pact took effect the same day.

Australia offers Syrian aid during Jordanian king's visit

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—Australia announced that it will provide an additional 220 million Australian dollars (\$160 million) in humanitarian aid for the Syrian crisis on Thursday during the Jordanian king's first visit to Australia. Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull said the new money over three years would

World

Turkey-backed and Kurdish-led forces clash in northern Syria

BEIRUT (AP)—Turkish-backed Syrian opposition forces clashed with Kurdish-led forces on Wednesday in northern Syria, where both are fighting the Islamic State group.

The press office for the Kurdish-held parts of Syria said eight civilians were killed in shelling by Turkish-backed forces in the countryside between Manbij, a town controlled by Kurdish-affiliated forces, and the IS-held town of al-Bab. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said two civilians were killed in the clashes, which were still underway.

The Turkey-backed forces have converged on al-Bab in recent days. On Wednesday, the Kurdish-affiliated forces entered the IS-held town of Arima, near al-Bab. Turkey has called on the Kurds to leave Manbij and withdraw to the east.

Turkish warplanes meanwhile targeted IS in northern

Syria, Turkey's state-run Anadolu News Agency said. Quoting unnamed military officials, it said the raids destroyed two buildings, an ammunition depot and four defensive positions around al-Bab.

In Cairo, meanwhile, Egypt's President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi expressed support for Syrian President Bashar Assad's military, in remarks that are likely to anger Saudi Arabia and other Gulf countries, which back Syria's armed rebellion.

Egypt angered Saudi Arabia, its top financial backer, last month when it backed a draft resolution on Syria at the U.N. Security Council that was opposed by Riyadh. The kingdom has since suspended fuel shipments to Egypt.

In Germany, Chancellor Angela Merkel condemned deliberate attacks on hospitals in Syria, and said it's "very regrettable" that Russia is supporting Assad.

Scenes of panic as hundreds of Iraqis flee Mosul

MOSUL, Iraq (AP)—They came by the hundreds—men, women and children fleeing the battle for Mosul, some bloodied and crying out for help. So large was the crowd on the road that Iraqi troops initially ordered them back, worried that an Islamic State suicide bomber could be hiding among them.

Mosul's residents are fleeing in growing numbers as Iraqi forces push deeper into the country's second largest city, and the battle-hardened extremists are fighting for every block, exploiting the dense urban terrain and using civilians as human shields.

On Wednesday the tide of displaced people reached the Samah district, where Iraqi medics treated dozens of wounded, including at least six soldiers.

At one point, four children and a man from the same family were rushed into the station, bleeding heavily as their relatives waited in grief. A mortar round had slammed into the inner courtyard of their home. A few minutes after being brought to the aid station, a 16-month-old girl with a head wound was pronounced dead.

Then the main rush came—hundreds of civilians racing forward on a dirt road.

The troops ordered them to halt, saying they had intelligence that IS might send suicide bombers disguised as civilians. One of the men raised his shirt to show that he wasn't armed, saying he was desperate for food.

Mosul, which fell to IS in the summer of 2014, is still home to more than 1 million people. Fearing a mass exodus, authorities have urged residents to stay inside their homes. But the presence of civilians has prevented the U.S.-backed Iraqi forces from using overwhelming force, slowing their advance and prolonging the city's agony.

The U.N. says at least 68,000 people have fled the fighting in Mosul, including 8,300 over the past four days.

Later on Wednesday, Iraqi soldiers arrived from the front lines with a man who was bound and hooded. They said they had caught him burning tires to help the militants hide from airstrikes and the drones that buzzed overhead. Trembling, the man said he had been forced to aid the extremists.

Black Humvees carried wounded soldiers back from the front. The body of a special forces soldier killed in combat was wrapped in a blanket on the hood of a vehicle. The Iraqi

"There are too many indications that hospitals and medical facilities are deliberately being bombed," she said in a speech to the German parliament, adding that it "has to be pursued under criminal law."

Assad's government has also received crucial support from Iran, where an official was quoted as saying that more than 1,000 Iranians have been killed in combat in Syria.

The figure was provided by Mohammed al-Shahidi, the head of a foundation that provides aid to the families of those killed in action, in an interview with the semi-official Tasnim news agency. He did not elaborate.

In August, the same official was quoted as saying that at least 400 members of Iranian brigades have been killed in Syria, half of them Afghan. Iran hosts a large population of Afghan Shiites, who have fought alongside Assad's forces.

military does not release official casualty figures, but field medics say dozens of troops have been killed and wounded since the Mosul operation began last month.

Mortar rounds, artillery and gunfire rang out throughout the day, punctuated by occasional booms from airstrikes that sent plumes of smoke into the air.

A pre-dawn airstrike by the U.S.-led coalition struck a bridge across the Tigris River, which divides the city in two, leaving only one crossing intact and disrupting IS supply lines. It was the second bridge to be struck this week, and two other bridges were destroyed by airstrikes last month.

Until now, most of the fighting has been on the eastern bank of the Tigris. Iraqi forces are expected to use pontoon bridges when they reach the river.

A spokesman for one of several state-sanctioned Shiite militias meanwhile said they had seized a road to the northwest of Mosul linking the city to Raqqa, the de facto capital of the IS group's self-styled caliphate. The militias have been converging on Tal Afar, an IS-held town west of Mosul that had a Shiite majority before falling to the extremists in 2014.

ASIA BRIEFS

Construction site collapse kills at least 22 in East China

BEIJING (AP)—At least 22 people have been killed and an unknown number of others are reportedly trapped in a scaffolding collapse Thursday morning at a construction site in eastern China, authorities say. A work platform at power plant cooling tower being built in the city of Fengcheng in Jiangxi province came tumbling down at about 7:30 a.m. (2330 GMT Wednesday), an official with the local Work Safety Administration said by telephone. Two other workers were reported injured but there was no immediate word on the fate of those trapped. Television footage and photographs from the site show iron pipes and wooden planks strewn across the floor of the massive concrete cooling tower.

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Science & Technology

New TV tech promises better picture for mainstream consumers

By GEORGE AVALOS

THE MERCURY NEWS

SAN JOSE, Calif.—If all you want for Christmas is a TV whose picture hops off the screen, this could be your year.

Televisions that promise a significantly improved picture will be available this holiday season at mainstream prices for the first time. Using a technology called HDR, or high-dynamic range, the sets can display more dynamic colors than older TVs and will allow you to see more details in both bright and dark areas of the screen.

HDR is only available on TVs that offer 4K—or ultra-high definition—resolutions. It promises to do what 4K generally doesn't—offer a noticeable difference in picture quality.

"You'll know it when you see it as to how good the 4K-HDR combination looks," said Paul Gray, a London-based principal analyst with market researcher IHS Market Technology. "The display is very arresting when done properly."

When HDR sets debuted last year, the technology was limited to premium models. That's no longer the case. In pre-holiday sales, you can find 4K HDR sets for as little as \$450. To be sure, that was for a 40-inch model from Hisense, a second-tier Chinese brand.

But even sets in bigger sizes



from top manufacturers are available at affordable prices. Best Buy was recently offering a 55-inch Samsung HDR TV for \$900, a 65-inch Sony model for \$1,200 and a 75-inch Sony set for \$3,000.

Besides the low prices, another thing that could drive sales of HDR TVs is the grow-

ing amount of movies and TV shows optimized for HDR. Netflix, Amazon and Vudu all offer HDR-enhanced videos. Consumers also will find a growing number of HDR movies available on Blu-ray disc.

"We are starting to get into this virtuous cycle of new

technologies being available to consumers, new formats being offered to give you something to watch on your brand-new TV set," said Gray.

While more programming and cheaper TVs are hitting the market, analysts are skeptical that a consumer rush on HDR sets is imminent. While

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the 4K HDR sets offer dazzling pictures, the increase in quality is not nearly as dramatic as the leap from older TVs to the first generation of flat-screen sets.

"The experience is noticeably better, but it's not a gigantic, dramatic difference," said Ben Bajarin, a principal analyst with Creative Strategies, which tracks the tech sector. "Do I really need this?" is the question that consumers will ask themselves this holiday."

Plus, while the number of HDR videos is increasing, they are still few and far between. Apple's iTunes doesn't offer any HDR videos. Nor does Hulu or most of the other major streaming services.

Another factor that could hold up sales is a nascent standard war between different flavors of HDR technology. Some sets and online video services support a standard pushed by Dolby called Dolby Vision. Other TVs and video services support a standard called HDR10 that was developed by a coalition of set manufacturers. Dolby Vision promises even a wider range of colors and far greater contrast than HDR10, but right now HDR10 is more widely supported.

Netflix and Amazon support both standards. Blu-ray DVDs right now only support HDR10. But video streaming service Vudu only supports Dolby Vision.

Making the right choices for a 4K HDR set won't necessarily be easy. First of all, what about an ideal price point?

One other complication: Even if a TV set is marketed as "HDR-compatible," it may not actually offer you a better picture. In some cases, that label may simply mean it can display content in that format, albeit in an unenhanced fashion.

One item to look for: nits. The more nits, which refers to the brightness of a display, the better. Consumers should seek TVs with a spec of at least 1,000 nits, said Paul Gagnon, San Diego-based director of TV research with IHS.

Plus, there's the old rule of thumb for buying a TV: Experts recommend shoppers seek out high-end models produced by well-known manufacturers.

"There are a lot of claims made by companies around specifications, but the consumer needs to make those judgments in person," Gagnon said. "It really pays to go into a store and look at demonstrations. We all perceive images differently.

"You really need to be there in person to see if it's worth the difference in price."

TECH Q&A Failing gear, interference can cut off home Wi-Fi

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

Q: My wife's PC loses its Wi-Fi internet connection about every other day. I don't know if it's caused by AT&T's U-verse wireless router or my PC's Wi-Fi adapter. I've been able to reset the Wi-Fi adapter, but that only solves the problem temporarily. What should we do?

A: The periodic loss of a Wi-Fi signal could be caused by the impending failure of your U-verse router or your PC's Wi-Fi adapter. Or your Wi-Fi signal might be encountering radio interference from a garage door opener, a microwave oven or another nearby Wi-Fi router.

To locate a technical flaw, follow AT&T's Wi-Fi diagnostic instructions at tinyurl.com/z27c4np. Alternatively, you can log in to your AT&T internet account and choose "Troubleshoot & Resolve," an automated Wi-Fi diag-

nostic program. A new router costs about \$100; a USB Wi-Fi adapter (to replace the PC's internal one) costs \$15 and up.

To check for radio interference, try switching your router to a different Wi-Fi frequency to see whether your connection will become more stable. There are 11 channels, but the adjacent channels tend to overlap one another. As a result, choose channels 1, 6 or 11; that way you will be several channels away from the radio interference.

To change the channels on a U-Verse router, type <http://gateway.2wire.net> (the address works only for AT&T customers) into your web browser.

On the resulting website, click "home networking" and choose "edit settings." Scroll down to the "wireless channel" heading and select a channel from the drop-down menu. Click "save" to give your router a new wireless

frequency.

Q: I'm using a real estate app on my Samsung Galaxy Tab 4 tablet computer. But the compass in the app appears to be frozen, even though that app works for other people I know. I get a pop-up message that says my tablet has no compass. What can I do?

A: The real estate app really uses the Galaxy tablet's own compass. But the sensors that run the tablet's internal compass need to be calibrated to work properly. Several experts recommend using a calibrating app from the Google Play store called "GPS Status & Toolbox" (see tinyurl.com/cnt2mgu). It's free, but offers purchases for different services.

The calibration app will orient the tablet's built-in sensors so that they recognize magnetic north and true north. After that, the tablet's compass and the one in the real estate app should work. For a video showing how to

calibrate the tablet's compass, see tinyurl.com/mzydrar.

Q: My Mom uses her iPad for Facebook and e-mail. But Siri, the talking digital assistant, bothers her. Should I disable Siri on her iPad? Will it make the iPad run better?

A: Some people are annoyed by the Siri feature and turn it off. Doing so should make your mother's iPad run a little faster. In iOS 10, go to settings and scroll down until you find Siri; click on the name and toggle the switch to off. In earlier iOS versions, go to settings and click "general" to find Siri, then turn it off the same way.

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Science Matters

Going to seed

If that fails to happen, plants do not produce large, mature seeds

Flowering plants' sex-substitute

Researchers have found that if plants cannot achieve fertilization (fusion of sperm and egg cells), larger seeds can still grow if just the material in the pollen tubes reaches the eggs.

Natural fertilization

1 Flowers have male and female tissues
Ovules (eggs) grow in the flower's pistil

2 Insects or wind carry pollen to top of pistil

3 Tube grows into pistil, carries pollen DNA to egg

4 Pollen DNA joins with DNA in egg, and fertilized seed grows.

The POEM process*

A previously unknown, unexplored function of the pollen tube

How seeds can develop without being fertilized

1 Pollen tube reaches ovule, inserts and release proteins called pollen tube content (PTC)

2 Seed coat forms, and seed grows larger than unfertilized seeds

*Pollen tube-dependent ovule enlargement morphology

What finding may mean

Opens a new understanding of how seeds can develop without fertilization

May lead to crops that produce better seeds in extreme environments where fertilization often fails

Off The Wall

99-year-old woman named America happy to become a US citizen

NEW YORK (AP)—At age 99, a woman named America has become a U.S. citizen.

America Maria Hernandez, who was born in Colombia in 1917 and was brought to the U.S. by one of her daughters in 1988, signed her naturalization certificate and took the oath of allegiance during a ceremony Wednesday in her living room.

Surrounded by family members, she smiled and said she was very happy.

"I live in New York, the

capital of the world," she said while waiving a small American flag.

Hernandez was born in October 1917 in Cordoba, Colombia, but mostly lived in Barranquilla. She had 12 children and now has 22 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Hernandez's daughter Hortensia Martinez, 69, said she brought Hernandez to the U.S. so she could help her take care of her son. Hernandez arrived

with a green card arranged by her daughter, who had married a U.S. citizen. Instead of renewing the card, the family asked Hernandez if she wanted to become a U.S. citizen, and she said yes.

Hernandez walks with a cane, likes to watch TV and enjoys attending activities at a local senior center at least once a week.

Asked on Wednesday what her secret for a long life is, she responded, "Being well, with

my children. They all work. They are all good."

According to U.S. Citizen-

ship and Immigration Services, 730,000 people became U.S. citizens in the govern-

ment's 2015 fiscal year. About 84,000 of those naturalizations were in the New York area.



America Maria Hernandez, 99, holds an American flag after being administered the Naturalization Oath of Allegiance, Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2016 photo, in the Queens borough of New York. AP

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Police: Woman tried to use pizza as ID to enter town bar

AMHERST, Mass. (AP)—Police in Massachusetts say a woman tried to use a slice of pizza as a form of identification to get into a college town bar and slapped the bouncer when he refused her entry. Monkey Bar co-owner Rasif Rafiq tells The Boston Globe the apparent college student had attempted to hand the bar's bouncer a slice of pizza she had purchased at a nearby shop as proof of her legal age last week. She allegedly became aggressive and a nearby police officer got involved.

Police say the woman was issued a trespass notice to stay away from the club. Rafiq says his phone has been "blowing up" since the early morning incident at the Amherst bar was reported by the Daily Hampshire Gazette and picked up by other news outlets.

Billy Joel takes the blame for broken-down Springsteen bike

NEW YORK (AP)—A motorcycle that Bruce Springsteen was riding when a group of veterans found him broken down on the side of a New Jersey road was built by none other than Billy Joel. Joel told an audience in New York on Monday he gave The Boss the motorcycle, which broke down on Veterans Day. Joel sang Springsteen's "Born to Run" and then told the crowd he called Springsteen when he saw the news. Joel says he apologized and Springsteen replied, "No worries." Joel built the motorcycle for Springsteen at the 20th Century Cycles shop in Oyster Bay, a town in Long Island.

Some bikers from the Freehold American Legion found Springsteen on the side of the road. He hopped on the back of one of their bikes and headed to a local bar while he waited for a ride.

E-cigarette explodes in man's pants at NYC's Grand Central

NEW YORK (AP)—Officials say a man shopping in New York's Grand Central Terminal suffered leg and hand burns when an e-cigarette exploded in his pants pocket. Central Cellars employee John Lee says it looked like fireworks exploding when the vaporizer pen suddenly blew up in the man's pants Wednesday morning.

Metropolitan Transportation Authority spokesman Aaron Donovan says the man was taken by a private ambulance service to a hospital. He says the injuries appeared minor. Donovan says train service at the transit hub wasn't affected. Electronic cigarettes and other battery-operated electronic smoking devices occasionally do catch fire. Last year, the federal Department of Transportation issued a rule prohibiting passengers from packing e-cigarettes in checked luggage to protect against in-flight fires.

Wisconsin hunter kills trophy eight-point ... doe?

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP)—A Wisconsin hunter has killed an eight-point ... doe?

WLUK-TV reports that Wayne Douville was hunting near Abrams in northeastern Wisconsin on Monday when he shot and killed a 222-pound deer that had eight points on its antlers. Upon closer inspection, the 68-year-old Douville and his aptly-named friend, Mel Buckmaster, discovered the deer had female genitalia.

Jeff Pritzl, district wildlife supervisor for the state Department of Natural Resources, says the doe likely had a higher testosterone level, which might occur in one in 100,000 deer. He says the deer was tagged a buck because the antlers were at least three inches long. Douville says he plans to have the entire deer

mounted, though he doubts his wife will let him put it up on the living room wall.

Workshop on fire eating sparks a false fire alarm

MCKEES ROCKS, Pa. (AP)—A workshop on fire eating sparked a false fire alarm at a former church near Pittsburgh. Neighbors called 911 after spotting flames inside the building in McKees Rocks about 9 p.m. Monday. Firefighters arrived to find flames—but they weren't burning out of control. Instead, a group of 25 people was participating in a workshop, learning to perform the circus trick of fire eating. Fire Chief Nick Radocis says the building didn't have running water or fire extinguishers, so the group might be cited for trespassing or using the building without a proper permit. Ed Pinto, one of the participants, says there was no harm done or intended, saying the group was "hanging out and doing our crazy stuff" and someone called the fire department.

Repo man pays off elderly couple's car, gives it back

RED BUD, Ill. (AP)—An elderly Illinois couple has something to be thankful for after a repo man who took their car had a change of heart and helped them get it paid off. Illini Asset Recovery co-owner Jim Ford tells KTRK-TV that after repossessing the Buick from Stan and Pat Kippling, he pulled over to call the bank in order to see if he could pay it off for the couple. Ford set up an online fundraiser and says he raised the bulk of the cash needed in the first eight hours. The newly paid off car was returned to the Kipplings on Monday. Ford says the couple reminded him of his late grandparents. Stan Kippling says getting the car back is "just like hitting the lottery."

Coin toss for a council seat: Tied race determined by chance

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Officials settled a deadlocked race for a spot on a city council in suburban Salt Lake City by drawing names from a pilgrim hat and flipping a coin—a decision-by-chance that Utah and a number of other states allow to break ties in elections or appointments.

Utah law lets tied votes be settled "by lot" but does not specify what method of chance to use. Elections Director Mark Thomas said Wednesday. A coin toss and drawing names are common methods and they have been used two or three times over the past decade in Utah, generally in small elections, he said.

In the Kentucky city of Grayson, a tied election for a city council seat was settled Thursday with a coin flip.

In other states, local officials sometimes have rolled

dice to determine the winner. That happened in Oregon in June, when two legislative candidates tied as they sought the nomination of the Independent Party. A 1992 stalemate in a primary for an Arizona legislative seat was settled by a game of poker.

In the Utah city of West Jordan last week, the city council interviewed 10 candidates interested in filling a vacancy. After 3½ hours of interviews and several rounds of voting, the council narrowed it down to Alan R. Anderson and David Pack. The council members deadlocked 3-3.

The council knew going into the Nov. 16 meeting that a tie was possible and came prepared, West Jordan spokeswoman Kim Wells said. Each candidate's name was written on an identically sized piece of paper and put in a pilgrim-style

hat provided by councilman Dirk Burton, who was asked to bring an option from his large collection of hats in case of a tie.

The police chief drew Anderson's name, designating him as "heads" for a coin toss. It came up heads, making him the winner.

The coin toss, first reported by the Deseret News on Tuesday, marked the first time West Jordan filled an office by that method, said Wells, the city spokeswoman.

Anderson, a charter school business manager and member of the city's sustainability committee, told The Associated Press that he and Pack both agreed early on: "As the coin goes, so we do."

He acknowledged that after spending hours interviewing for the job, "it's kind of tough that you have to put it down to a coin toss."

Message of Appreciation

We, the family of the late

† David Sablan Santos

Wish to express a sincere and heartfelt "Thank You" to all our families, relatives, and friends. Your thoughtfulness and support in expressing your sympathy, condolences and prayers have greatly helped us to endure the grief and sorrow of our loss.

Your kindness and love will be cherished and remembered.

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Virginia Arriola Santos, children and family.

Life & Style

Zemeckis hopes glamour, intrigue will draw 'Allied' audience

In a world of franchises, reboots and comic-book films, the original espionage thriller "Allied" is a comparatively bold gamble for a studio. Glamorous, serious, and classically made (with a healthy dose of CGI), "Allied," from director Robert Zemeckis and screenwriter Steven Knight, looks to harken back to a bygone Hollywood of David Lean epics and sweeping romances between larger-than-life movie stars.

In "Allied," the would-be Bogart and Bergman are Brad Pitt and Marion Cotillard, who slip into sumptuous period costumes and settings to tell the story of a pair of WWII-era spies, in Casablanca and then in England, who fall in love amid the turmoil of war. Their happy existence is put into doubt, however, when Max's (Pitt) superiors inform him that they suspect Marianne (Cotillard), now his wife and the mother of his child, is a double agent.

"It's rare that we can still do movies like this one—very deep love stories with original subjects and surprising stories," Cotillard said. "It is this very entertaining movie with very strong and powerful feelings and real questions about love and war."

Zemeckis was pleased that his leads looked natural and of the time in the clothes.

"Sometimes you put period costumes on contemporary actors and they look like they are dressed up," Zemeckis said. "But they were able to carry those costumes in a way that looks absolutely right."



In this image released by Paramount Pictures, Marion Cotillard, left, and Brad Pitt appear in a scene from "Allied."

question for the film, which cost a reported \$85 million to produce.

The film turned out to be a bigger visual effects endeavor than Zemeckis originally planned. They didn't have the budget to build everything and, thus they compromised by building a little and using digital set extensions to create the very specific wartime locations in the script.

Zemeckis is no stranger to pushing boundaries in filmmaking, and knows full well how devastating it is when it doesn't connect with audiences. Last year his ambitious "The Walk" made only \$10.1 million domestically against a \$35 million budget.

"It was horrible," Zemeckis said of the response. "I think it's my best movie. It's disappointing when people don't want to see it."

He's not optimistic, either, about the future of the medium when audiences just don't seem to be interested.

"I just don't know what the future of movies is going to be. It's starting to look more and more like, 'We're done making movies now,' if people don't go. It's a business," he said. "All that filmmakers can do is try to do the best work that they can, but if we're in a situation where the audience is ambivalent and doesn't care, you can't force people to go to a movie. Nothing lasts forever."

Cotillard is a little more positive.

"I'm pretty sure people will still want to be surprised," she said. (AP)

How a bunch of boxes changed the course of a documentary

NEW YORK (AP)—Lonny Price had just started editing his first documentary when a bunch of boxes showed up. What was in them would change everything.

The director was working on a movie about the making of Stephen Sondheim's 1981 ill-fated musical "Merrily We Roll Along," which closed after just 16 Broadway performances. Price had a unique perspective, having been one of the main stars in the ill-fated show.

While he was working on his film—"Best Worst Thing That Ever Could Have Happened," which opened in New York last weekend and heads to Los Angeles before it shows in more cities in December—Price craved what he didn't have.

He remembered that 35 years ago, when he and his young cast were preparing for their Broadway opening, a film crew from ABC had

The costumes, by Zemeckis and Steven Spielberg favorite Joanna Johnston, proved essential for the characters too. Cotillard calls her wares "another layer of the skin." She was also delighted to be sporting garments similar to her childhood idols like Ingrid Bergman and Katherine Hepburn.

"I would watch actresses in glamorous movies and it was part of my dream to be an actress," she said.

On set, Cotillard also became a de facto teacher for Pitt, who had to master a French-Canadian accent for his role.

It wasn't helped when Para-

mount dropped the first trailer for the film just a few hours after news broke of the Pitt/Jolie divorce, seemingly suggesting a "Mr. & Mrs. Smith" in WWII angle. Zemeckis insists was a coincidence and not a salacious way to drum up excitement, although he laughs that he knows no one believes that.

However the speculation spun so out of control that Cotillard, pregnant with her second child with longtime partner Guillaume Canet, resorted to issuing a statement to the press denying the rumors.

Cotillard shrugged off a question about what that ex-

perience was like for her to go through.

"I had nothing to deal with, seriously," she said. "I said everything I had to say about it. I'm not the one who is in the very complicated situation."

When asked about doing some promotion of the film without Pitt, Cotillard's publicist jumped in that they had nothing more to add on the subject.

"We love the movie. We are very proud of it and we're very proud to share it today with the audience and the media," Cotillard said after the interruption.

Indeed, the audience is a big

Doctor indicted after drug death of 3 Doors Down guitarist

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.

(AP)—An Alabama doctor is accused of illegally prescribing drugs that contributed to the overdose death of longtime 3 Doors Down guitarist Matt Roberts earlier this year, court documents show.

Newly unsealed records show Dr. Richard Snellgrove of Fairhope, Alabama, is charged with illegally prescribing Fentanyl, an opioid pain medication, and another drug to Roberts days before he was found dead of a overdose in August in West Bend, Wisconsin.

Records show Snellgrove, 59, was named in a six-count federal indictment in October. The charges were not made public until a judge unsealed them last week.

An attorney representing Snellgrove, Dennis Knizley, said Wednesday that the phy-

sician did nothing wrong.

"If medication played a role in Mr. Roberts' death it was because of improper use, not anything that was attributed to anything Dr. Snellgrove did," he said.

Roberts lived in Spanish Fort, Alabama, near Mobile, at the time of his death; he was 38. A grand jury in Mobile returned the indictment.

Roberts' father, Darrell Roberts Sr., told a Drug Enforcement Administration agent that Snellgrove was a "celebrity junkie" who his son called "Snelly," according to a sworn statement by DEA agent Michael Burt. The two were "tight" and Matt Roberts sometimes had after-hours appointments with Snellgrove, whom he had seen as a patient since at least 2004, the statement said.

Roberts was found dead in

the hall outside his hotel room while visiting Wisconsin for a charity performance. Roberts was wearing a Fentanyl patch like one prescribed by Snellgrove two days earlier, the statement said, and he also had pills matching ones the doctor prescribed.

Agents seized records from Snellgrove's two offices on the Alabama coast in September, the statement said. Burt wrote that there was evidence that Snellgrove illegally prescribed drugs including methadone and Fentanyl to Roberts six times dating to 2011.

The agent's statement said the Fentanyl and a narcotic pain medication, Norco, wrongly prescribed by Snellgrove were contributing factors in the musician's death. Fentanyl also was blamed in the death of rock musician Prince earlier this year.

Gold medalist Laurie Hernandez wins 'Dancing with the Stars'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Olympic gold medalist Laurie Hernandez can add a "Dancing with the Stars" crown to her 2016 haul after winning the 23rd season of the ABC reality competition.

The 16-year-old gymnast took home the Mirrorball Trophy after the conclusion of a

two-episode finale Tuesday night. Hernandez and partner Val Chmerkovskiy received a perfect score for one of their dances during the finale and 38 points out of a possible 40 for another.

They beat out Canadian race car driver James Hinchcliffe and his partner, Sharna

World's tallest waterslide to be demolished after boy died

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—A company's announcement that it will demolish its towering Kansas waterslide as soon as investigations into the death of a boy on the ride this summer have concluded was motivated by uncertainty among park patrons, not any pending legal settlements involving the accident, a spokeswoman said Wednesday.

Schlitterbahn Waterparks and Resorts and the family that runs it said in a statement Tuesday that the "Verruckt" ride at the Schlitterbahn park in Kansas City, Kansas, will be permanently removed from its tower "once the investigation is concluded and we are given permission by the court." The Texas-based company called the move "the only proper course of action."

"Coming up on the holidays, this time of year, it's something we'd like to set to rest," company spokeswoman Winter Prosapio told The Associated Press on Wednesday. "When we're allowed to take it down, we will take it down. We have no interest in having it up another hour."

Billed as the world's tallest waterslide, Verruckt has been closed since Caleb Thomas Schwab died on the ride Aug. 7. The boy was decapitated, someone familiar with the

investigation previously told The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because that person was not authorized to speak publicly about the boy's death.

Two women in the raft were injured.

Attorneys for the Schwabs—Caleb's father is Republican state Rep. Scott Schwab—and the women are independently investigating the accident. No charges or lawsuits had been filed as of Wednesday.

Michael Rader, an attorney for the Schwabs, said he had been working with Schlitterbahn and its legal team on a plan to eventually remove the slide, but that it "cannot be torn down until all investigations and potential litigation has concluded."

Scott Schwab didn't respond to requests for comment Wednesday.

Verruckt, which is German for "insane," featured multi-person rafts that made a 17-story drop at speeds of up to 70 mph, followed by a surge up a hump and a 50-foot descent to a finishing pool. Riders were harnessed with two nylon seatbelt-like straps, one crossing the rider's lap, the other stretching diagonally like a car shoulder seatbelt.



In this Nov. 14, 2016 photo released by ABC, Jenna Johnson, left, and Sharna Burgess, right, perform with IndyCar driver James Hinchcliffe on the celebrity dance competition series, "Dancing With The Stars," in Los Angeles. AP

Burgess, for the crown. Former NFL star wide receiver Calvin Johnson and partner Lindsay Arnold came in third.

Hernandez told host Tom Bergeron that the trophy is another step in her goal to "inspire others" as she goes on with her journey.



SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

'Most Eligible Bachelor' again facing sexual assault charges

BOSTON (AP)—A former Massachusetts prosecutor once named one of People Magazine's most eligible bachelors is again facing sexual assault allegations. Gary Zerola was arraigned Wednesday on two counts of sexual assault following an incident that authorities say happened Nov. 10 in Boston. He was held on \$10,000 cash bail and ordered to wear a GPS monitoring bracelet, observe a curfew, have no contact with the victim and not consume alcohol. Authorities say Zerola and the victim were acquainted before the incident. The 45-year-old former Suffolk County prosecutor faced three sexual assault charges between 2006 and 2007, but was never convicted. Zerola made People Magazine's list of America's Top 50 Bachelors in 2001. His lawyer tells WCVB-TV the case is "based on a foundation of lies." Zerola's next court date is Jan. 4.

Memoir of slain Soldier's father Khizr Khan to be published

NEW YORK (AP)—Random House says it plans to publish a memoir by Khizr Khan, the immigrant from Pakistan who spoke at the Democratic National Convention about his Army captain son's combat death in Iraq and criticized the anti-Muslim rhetoric of then-Republican nominee Donald Trump. The company said Wednesday in a news release that the untitled memoir is to be published in the fall of 2017. It also said Khizr Khan's wife, Ghazala Khan, will contribute. In his convention speech, Khan told how his son, Capt. Humayun Khan, was killed in 2004 in Iraq and posthumously received the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He asked Trump, "Have you read the Constitution?" Trump, who went on to win the election, criticized Khan for speaking out against his candidacy. The Khans live in Virginia.

Madonna stands by son Rocco Ritchie after reported arrest

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Madonna says she is supporting son Rocco Ritchie after reports surfaced Wednesday that the 16-year-old was arrested for possession of marijuana in London. Madonna released a statement to The Associated Press Wednesday calling the September arrest "a family matter." She said: "I love my son very much. I will do whatever I can to give him the support that he needs, and I ask that you respect our privacy at this time." Rocco was the subject of a months-long custody dispute between Madonna and ex-husband Guy Ritchie. The couple divorced in 2008. They finally agreed in September to allow Rocco to continue living with his father in London. According to a report in The Sun newspaper, Rocco was arrested on Sept. 28.

Spike Lee sued for failing to pay union health contributions

NEW YORK (AP)—Filmmaker Spike Lee and his companies are being sued by the directors of three union benefit plans who contend he didn't make sufficient health and pension contributions. The lawsuit was filed Wednesday against Lee, Forty Acres and a Mule Filmworks and Black Butterfly Productions. It claims an audit found nearly \$45,000 in unpaid contributions between September 2007 and March 2010. The suit said Lee controlled Black Butterfly, a signatory to collective bargaining agreements, and treated its assets, which include the 2008 film, "Miracle at St. Anna," as his own while failing to pay its debts. "Despite multiple demands, Black Butterfly has failed to pay the claims asserted by the Plans. Black Butterfly refuses, and continues to refuse, to pay the amounts due for unpaid contributions disclosed by the audit," the lawsuit says.

Soon-to-be-blended family is divided over immunizations

DEAR ABBY: I'm engaged to a wonderful man I have been with for five years. We plan to get married as soon as his house sells and we can move into another home as a family. He has three children; I have four. Our kids get along well enough, and no serious parenting issues have come up yet.

My concern is, he and his ex-wife haven't immunized their kids. I have. All four of my children are up to date with their shots. We have agreed to disagree on this subject.

With the kids living together under the same roof, is there anything I should worry about as far as kids getting sick? I have read somewhere that it isn't good to have kids who are immunized around those who aren't. Truth?

WANTS THE FACTS IN INDIANA

DEAR WANTS THE FACTS: Have you discussed this with their doctors? If you go online and visit vaccines.gov, you will find a complete explanation of why vaccinations are so important and why parents should ensure that their children receive the optimum dose, which may involve two or more shots.

According to the Food and Drug Administration: "For reasons related to the individual, not all vaccinated persons develop immunity. Most routine childhood vaccines are effective for 85 to 95 percent of recipients." If your children happen to fall into the unfortunate 5 to 15 percent category of recipients who haven't developed full immunity, then

you should be concerned.

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law is a wonderful lady, but I'm having a hard time with how she is around my children. She is extremely obsessive over giving them baths, changing their diapers and, basically, just seeing them naked.

I have talked with my husband about it because I don't think it's appropriate. I want to discuss this with her, but he thinks it's no big deal because this is "just the way she is." How can I convey the seriousness of this issue? Or am I overreacting?

JUST THE WAY SHE IS

DEAR JUST: I don't know your mother-in-law, so I can't judge her motivations. She was a mother before she became a grandmother, and it may be perfectly innocent. However, if something is going on that makes you uneasy, you must remember that, as your children's mother, you have a responsibility to put a stop to anything you do not feel is appropriate.

DEAR ABBY: My husband has a brother, "Tom," who is 10 years younger. He recently returned from college and is living with my in-laws. Tom has visited us a few times since his arrival. When he comes over, he doesn't bother to ring the doorbell or knock; he simply lets himself in.

I don't appreciate the lack of privacy in my own home. People should at least knock or yell hello from the doorway before barging in. When I told my husband it bothered me, he got up-

DEAR ABBY

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set and defensive and accused me of "picking on" his family. Am I making too much of this?

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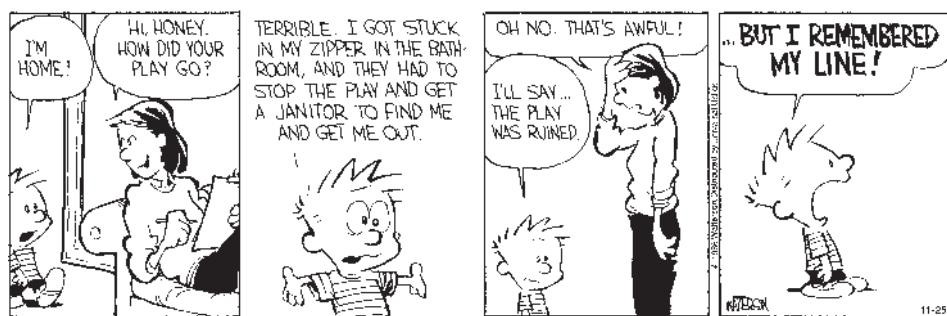
DEAR DING DONG: No, you're not. You didn't mention how long you and your husband have been married, but your home is not a bachelor pad that people drift in and out of. You are entitled to some privacy, and time to cover up if you are in a state of undress. That people ring the bell, knock on the door or yell to announce their presence is not too much to ask. In fact, it's considered good manners.

P.S. Keeping the door locked could help solve the problem.

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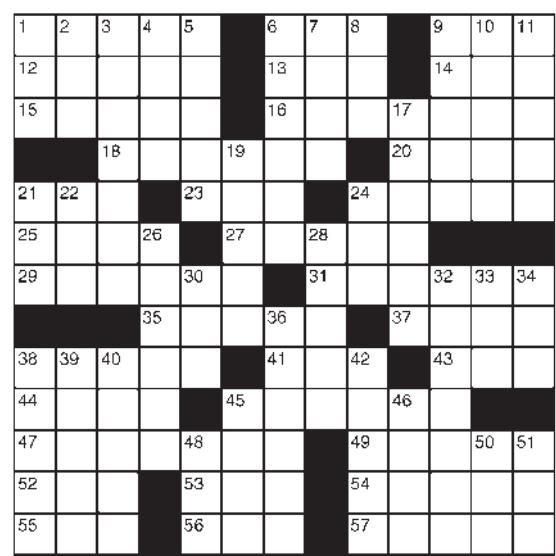
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Emotions will flare up, causing you to overstep your bounds or put a wedge in a relationship that can determine your future prospects. Don't jeopardize your chances of getting ahead. Get your facts straight before you act on an assumption. **★★★**

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Put money matters in perspective. Find a way to manage your money better and to encourage those who depend on you to contribute more. If you don't offer solutions, nothing will change. Take charge and make things happen. **★★★**

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Speak up and share your concerns, intentions and plans for the future with someone special. The chance to bring about positive changes will unfold if you call in favors or offer incentives to people you want to collaborate with. **★★★★★**

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be honest about your motivations for doing things. Take a step back and size up the situation before making a move. You will be faulted

for making assumptions if you don't gather facts first. Diplomacy and moderation will be required. **★★**

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Make personal changes to the way you live. Children and elders in your family will play an important role. Follow your heart and put your plans into motion. Travel will lead to knowledge and fearless action. You can make a difference. **★★★★**

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Someone from your past will try to interest you in something that doesn't make sense. Don't give in because you think it will bring you closer together. Keep your money and possessions in a safe place and refuse to be someone else's pawn. **★★★**

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't go over budget when it comes to self-improvement. Look for a way to stay within your means and get results that are uplifting and geared toward making personal gains. Changes at home are best kept to a minimum. **★★★**

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't let the past cloud your vision. Times have changed, and what may have worked in the past won't bring the same results now. Learn from your mistakes and make the necessary adjustments that will enable you to move forward. **★★★**

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Personal gains and business deals will go hand in hand. Making a decision to move or reduce your overhead at home will pay off. Put your plans into motion and don't look back. The future should be your focus. **★★★★**

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be honest about your motivations for doing things. Take a step back and size up the situation before making a move. You will be faulted

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Mistakes will be based on information and the ability to process and use what you have been told. Question anything that doesn't seem quite right. Trust in your ability, knowledge and vision, and follow through with your plans. **★★**

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Change is encouraged. A personal or professional contract will lead to a brighter future. Speak up and let everyone know what you are capable of doing and what you are willing to offer. Set your sights high. **★★★★**

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Return to the basics. Too much of anything will lead to disappointment and loss. Stick to your budget and do your best not to make moves that will lead to emotional duress. Practicality and logic will be required. **★★★**

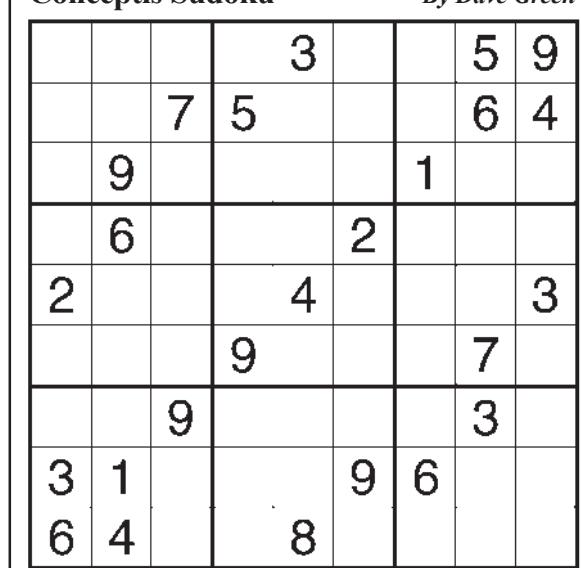
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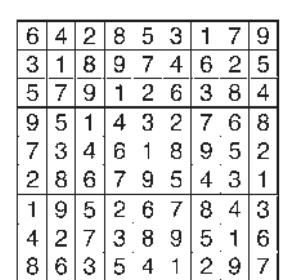
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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer



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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUDET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle—horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

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Solution: 7 letters

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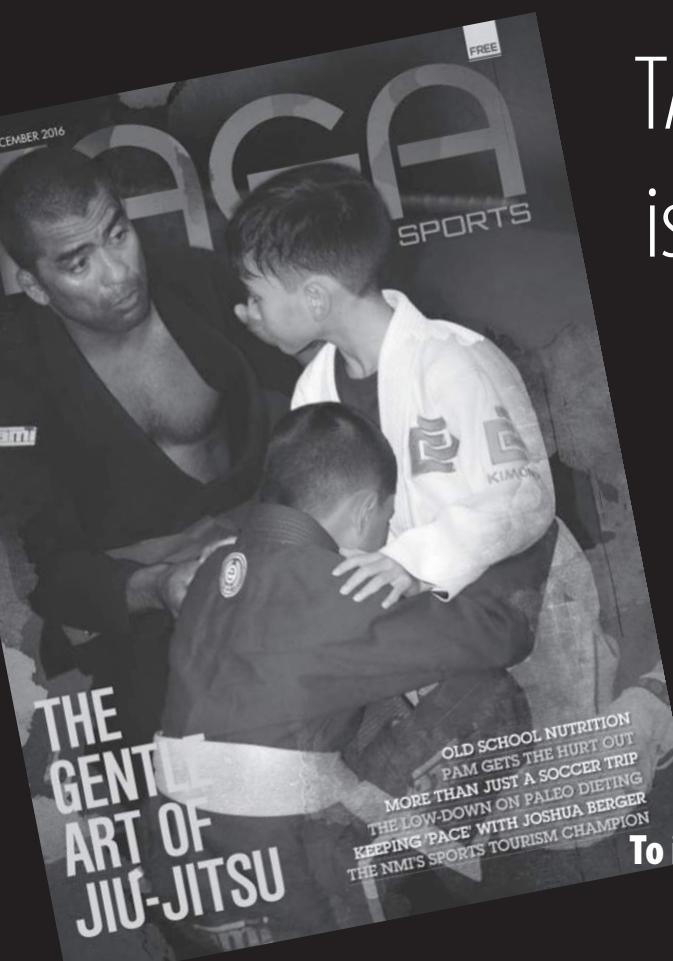
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Bruce Arena faces a more skeptical audience in US sequel

NEW YORK (AP)—Bruce Arena the sequel faces a more skeptical audience than the original.

Arena was celebrated for coaching the Americans to the 2002 World Cup quarterfinals, and fired four years later after they failed to advance past the first round.

Bob Bradley and Jurgen Klinsmann led the U.S. to the round of 16 at the last two World Cups, and a second-round appearance is pretty much a minimum accomplishment for an American coach these days as a maturing fan base has increased expectations exponentially.

“I don’t think there’s any doubt that pressure has increased on everyone involved in the game, whether that’s players, coaches, administrators, leaders or anything else,” U.S. Soccer Federation President Sunil Gulati said Tuesday after replacing Klinsmann with Arena. “Changes in technology and the speed of information and social media add the dimension of pressure that wouldn’t have been the same for Bruce in his first go-round.”

And that’s not all.

“Our fans know the game in a way that may not have been the case in such numbers 20 years ago or even 15 years ago,” Gulati said. “We have more educated, passionate fans with a way to express their views: social media.”

With five NCAA titles at Virginia, two Major League Soccer championships with



AP
In this Oct. 26, 2016, file photo, Los Angeles Galaxy head coach Bruce Arena yells at the side judge during the first half of a knockout round MLS playoff soccer match against Real Salt Lake in Carson, Calif.

Michael Bradley said after last week’s 4-0 loss in Costa Rica, which led to Klinsmann’s firing,

Arena will have to juggle his lineup right from the start: midfielder Jermaine Jones and right back Timmy Chandler are suspended for the March 24 home qualifier against Honduras because of yellow-card accumulation.

Arena’s national team was known for emphasis on defense and counterattacks. As he takes over, the priority will be on grinding out wins to wipe out the deficit in the Americans’ eight remaining games of the hexagonal. The top three teams qualify and the fourth-place finisher advances to a playoff against Asia’s No. 5 team.

If the U.S. wins at home against Honduras, Trinidad and Tobago, Costa Rica and Panama, and picks up a few points on the road, it should qualify for its eighth straight World Cup.

“The American qualities have certainly been teams that are hard to play against,” Arena said. “We’re traditionally strong in the goal; we have very good goalkeepers. We have some young attacking talent, and we have some experienced players in the midfield. We have to find a way to get the right balance, the right combinations on the field and the right mentality, and we’ll produce a good team. What it looks like in the end, I can’t tell you now but I’m certain we’re going to develop a good team.”

Christian Pulisic, just 18, already has shown himself to be one of the more formidable dribblers on the team, able to get past several defenders. But he still lacks judgment on when to take on the third or fourth defender or to pass.

Klinsmann had targeted 18-year-old defender Cameron Carter-Vickers and 20-year-old midfielder Lynden Gooch as players of the future. Coaches—and fans—want to look ahead, but Arena’s focus will be earning points.

Draws at home and losses anywhere usually lead to furious fans.

“No one likes to face the firing squad, as it were, in terms of media or fans that are upset about something,” Gulati said, “but that’s a natural part of the growth of the game, and that certainly is a very big positive.”

D.C. United and three more MLS crowns with the LA Galaxy, the 65-year-old Arena is a proven winner. He was inducted into the U.S. National Soccer Hall of Fame six years ago. But he inherits a roster frequently outmatched, one that

“I think U.S. soccer has



appeared dysfunctional in losses to Mexico and Costa Rica opening the final round of World Cup qualifying in North and Central America and the Caribbean.

Both his World Cup rosters included 12 players from European clubs and 11

made great progress,” Arena said. “I believe since I left in 2006 the pool of players has certainly expanded.”

from Major League Soccer. The U.S. remains a team partly suffering from jet lag when it gathers.

“This group will not see each other again until Sunday or Monday before a Friday qualifier in March,” captain

Segura to Seattle as Mariners, D-backs make 5-player trade



SEATTLE (AP)—The

Seattle Mariners finally landed the established shortstop they’ve long been trying to find.

To do it, they had to part with a talented young pitcher who still has the potential to blossom.

Seattle and Arizona pulled off a five-player trade Wednesday night, with the Mariners acquiring speedy infielder Jean Segura and the Diamondbacks getting right-hander Taijuan Walker as the centerpieces of the deal.

Segura immediately projects as Seattle’s leadoff hitter and starting shortstop, solidifying an infield that already includes All-Star sluggers Kyle Seager at third base and Robinson Cano at second. But getting Segura meant the Mariners had to give up on the inconsistent Walker, a power arm who has showed occasional flashes of brilliance.

“It’s hard anytime you give up talent like Taijuan,” Seattle

general manager Jerry Dipoto said. “Frankly, you have to give to get ... and Segura fit this club.”

Arizona also obtained shortstop Ketel Marte, while Seattle received outfielder Mitch Haniger and left-hander Zac Curtis.

The addition of Walker could help a dreadful Arizona pitching staff that posted a 5.09 ERA last season, tied with Minnesota for worst in the majors. He joins a rotation that includes ace Zack Greinke, Shelby Miller, Patrick Corbin and Archie Bradley.

The Diamondbacks finished 69-93 last season, fourth in the NL West.

A touted prospect, the 24-year-old Walker went 8-11 with a 4.22 ERA and 119 strikeouts in 25 starts for Seattle last season. He would be outstanding one game and then struggle the next.

“Young, controllable pitching is hard to find, and adding Taijuan to the rotation gives us significant depth in that

area,” new Arizona general manager Mike Hazen said.

Segura, an All-Star in 2013 with Milwaukee, is an immediate upgrade at shortstop for Seattle, which went 86-76 last season and finished three games out of a playoff spot. He hit .319 with 20 home runs, 33 stolen bases and 63 RBIs for the Diamondbacks, who acquired him from the Brewers in a January trade.

Segura spent most of last season at second base for the Diamondbacks, but will move back to shortstop with the Mariners.

“This trade made more sense for where our roster is, and Jean Segura fit this club about as well as any player we were looking at,” Dipoto said.

Going into the offseason, Seattle thought its starting pitching depth was enviable. Now the Mariners will need to find supplemental arms after dealing Walker.

“Most of our focus, if not our primary focus, from now until opening day is going to

be left toward the pitching staff,” Dipoto said.

That might not be so easy for Seattle. Hazen said the thin market for pitchers was one of the reasons the Diamondbacks made the trade for Walker.

“We felt this was the opportunity we were going to have to take due to the market,” Hazen explained.

Whether it turns out to be a successful trade could ultimately depend on how Marte and Haniger develop.

Marte had many of the same problems with inconsistency as Walker, but also became a liability in the field. Marte hit .259 in 119 games last season, but hitting was secondary to being solid in the field. At times Marte was excellent, but too many routine plays were not made. He finished with 21 errors.

Still, the Diamondbacks were struck by his athleticism and the fact that 2016 was his first full season in the majors at one position.

“Our scouts loved his ability and athleticism in the middle of the field,” Hazen said. “We think he adds a lot to the middle of our infield.”

Haniger, who turns 26 next month, hasn’t gotten much of a chance to prove himself at the major league level, but Dipoto believes he can play all three outfield positions. Haniger was the Diamondbacks’ minor league player of the year after hitting .321 with 25 homers and 94 RBIs between Double-A Mobile and Triple-A Reno. He made his major league debut on Aug. 16 against the New York Mets and appeared in 34 games, hitting .229 with five homes and 17 RBIs.

“We feel like Mitch, like so many of the guys we have acquired dating back to last year, there is not much left for him to do in the minor leagues,” Dipoto said. “We really like our depth and potential for impact and feel good with where we are with our outfield.”

Love scores 40, including 34 in 1st, James has triple-double



CLEVELAND

(AP)—Kevin Love scored 40 points, including an NBA-record 34 in the first quarter, LeBron James recorded his 44th career triple-double, and the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the Portland Trail Blazers 137-125 on Wednesday night.

Cleveland also set a franchise with 20 3-pointers and showed no signs of being rusty in its first game since Friday.

Love fell three points shy of the league record for points in any quarter, set by Golden State's Klay Thompson, who scored 37 in the third on Jan. 23, 2015.

Love, who set a team record for points in a period, made 11 of 14 field goal attempts, including 8 of 10 on 3-pointers in the first quarter. He made his first six shots with five 3-pointers.

Warriors 149, Lakers 106

In Oakland, Calif., Stephen Curry had 31 points with seven 3-pointers and nine assists, Kevin Durant scored 28 and Golden State found an astonishing first-half offensive flow to run away from undermanned Los Angeles.

The Warriors' franchise-record 47 assists — on 53 baskets — are the most in the NBA this season and two more than their previous record, set in 1994.

Golden State had 26 assists on 29 baskets before the break, as in sync as the Warriors have been since adding Durant during the offseason and far better than when they took a 20-point beating at Los Angeles less than three weeks ago.

Pelicans 117, Timberwolves 96

In New Orleans, Anthony

Davis had 45 points and 10 rebounds, and New Orleans beat Minnesota for its fourth straight victory.

Davis was 17-of-27 shooting in his third games this season with 40-plus points.

Terrence Jones added 17 points. The Pelicans trailed early in the second half before Davis scored eight points during a 13-2 run.

Zach LaVine scored 26 for the Timberwolves. They've lost three straight.

Clippers 124, Mavericks 104

In Dallas, Chris Paul scored 18 points, DeAndre Jordan had 16 points and eight rebounds and Los Angeles routed Dallas in a matchup of the teams with the best and worst records in the NBA.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 10 points on 3-of-10 shooting in 20 minutes in his return for Dallas after the 13-time All-Star missed eight games with a strained left Achilles tendon.

Austin Rivers added 22 points for the Clippers (14-2). They had a 30-6 run in the second and third quarters on the way to their fourth straight win and 11th in 12 games.

Harrison Barnes had 22 to lead the Mavericks (2-12). They lost their seventh straight game to match their longest skid since February 1999, during Nowitzki's rookie season. Dallas is off to its worst start since going 1-23 in 1993-94.

Spurs 119, Hornets 114

In Charlotte, N.C., Kawhi Leonard scored 30 points and San Antonio beat Charlotte for its seventh straight victory.

LaMarcus Aldridge added 23 points and seven rebounds, and Danny Green had 16 points to help the Spurs improve to 8-0 on the road.



Cleveland Cavaliers' Kevin Love (0) shoots over Portland Trail Blazers' Mason Plumlee (24) during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2016, in Cleveland.

dealing the Thunder their third straight loss and seventh in nine games.

Darren Collison had 21 points and six assists for the Kings. Rudy Gay scored 15 of his 17 points in the second half. The Kings had 12 3-pointers in winning their second straight and evening their home record at 4-4.

Russell Westbrook nearly had his sixth triple-double of the season, getting 31 points, 11 rebounds and nine assists for the Thunder, who opened the season with a 6-1 record.

Hawks 96, Pacers 85

In Indianapolis, Dwight Howard had 23 points and 20 rebounds to help Atlanta beat Indiana.

Indiana rallied to cut Atlanta's lead to a point with 3:42 left in the third quarter, but the Hawks pulled away with a 19-2 run.

Paul Millsap added 18 points and 11 rebounds for the Hawks. Thaddeus Young led the Pacers with 24 points and had seven rebounds. Monta Ellis added 19 points, and Paul George had 18.

Grizzlies 104, 76ers 99, 20T

In Philadelphia, Marc Gasol scored 27 points, Mike Conley had 25 and Memphis outlasted Philadelphia for its sixth straight victory.

Conley added nine rebounds and nine assists. The Grizzlies came back from an 11-point, second-half deficit for their eighth consecutive victory over Philadelphia.

Ersan Ilyasova had 22 points and 12 rebounds for Philadelphia.

Pistons 107, Heat 84

In Auburn Hills, Mich., Andre Drummond had 18 points

and 15 rebounds, and Kentavious Caldwell-Pope added 22 points in Detroit's victory over Miami.

Detroit snapped a four-game losing streak. The Pistons are 6-2 at home and 1-7 on the road.

Tyler Johnson had 17 points for Miami. The Heat have lost eight of 10.

Jazz 108, Nuggets 83

In Salt Lake City, George Hill scored 22 points in his return from an eight-game absence and Utah beat Denver to break a four-game losing streak.

Hill had tape covering the strained thumb on his shooting hand. Gordon Hayward had 22 points and seven assists, and Rudy Gobert added 19 points and 13 rebounds.

Rookie Jamal Murray led the Nuggets with 23 points.

Suns 92, Magic 87

In Orlando, Fla., Alex Len had 17 points and 12 rebounds, and Eric Bledsoe added 16 points to lead Phoenix past Orlando.

Bledsoe made two free throws with 16 seconds left for a five-point lead, and Devin Booker added two more with 6.2 seconds to go. Phoenix snapped a two-game losing streak and finished 2-4 on a six-game trip.

Evan Fournier scored 25 points for Orlando.

Celtics 111, Nets 92

In New York, Isaiah Thomas scored 23 points, Avery Bradley had 22 and Boston beat Brooklyn.

Al Horford added 17 points for the Celtics in their third straight victory.

Sean Kilpatrick scored 23 points for the Nets. They have lost five in a row.

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Elliott exceeding lofty expectations for NFL-leading Cowboys



F R I S C O ,
Texas (AP)—

Ezekiel Elliott didn't dwell for long on the moment that most made him look like a rookie with the Dallas Cowboys: his benching over two fumbles against Washington in the second game of his career.

The fourth overall pick in the draft faces the Redskins again Thursday, now as the NFL's rushing leader for a team with nine straight wins rather than the player coming off a rough debut against the New York Giants in the only loss for the Cowboys (9-1).

"Just reps, that's all it is," the 21-year-old former Ohio State star said.

It's a little more than that for someone who embraced the expectations as a lofty pick for a franchise that drafted two Hall of Fame running backs, Tony Dorsett and all-time NFL rushing leader Emmitt Smith.

Elliott's physical style fits well with one of the NFL's best offensive lines. He can flip from punishing to graceful in one play while catching passes and blocking blitzes.

Oh, and that breakaway speed, as seen on an 83-yard screen pass for a touchdown that sparked a sluggish offense in a win at Pittsburgh.

"His coach in college said he's the best player he's ever had with the ball not in his hands," coach Jason Garrett said. "He's a young player, but he's a very mature player. He picks things up quickly. And I think he's got a tremendous competitive spirit."

Those traits helped Elliott handle the expectations—one of the few things

he doesn't share with fellow rookie sensation and road-game roommate Dak Prescott.

The fourth-rounder from Mississippi State replaced injured quarterback Tony Romo and improbably led Dallas to the best record in the NFL, eventually taking the job from Dallas' 10-year starter.

Elliott's impact—138 yards per game from scrimmage and 10 touchdowns—helped Prescott, too.

"I think it's just him being himself and not letting the pressure or anything get to him," backup running back Alfred Morris said. "Even the first couple of weeks, it started a little rough for him. He didn't let that bother him."

Morris can't help but mention Prescott when describing Elliott's success because he went through the same thing four years ago with Robert Griffin III in Washington. The standout combo of Griffin and Morris helped the Redskins reach the playoffs.

"It's been fun to watch, especially him and Dak," Morris said. "I know I keep throwing Dak in there, but they're so good together. It's pretty cool to see and I'm just sitting back and kind of admiring, like, man, just keep it up, keep it up, keep it up."

Elliott started the season under the cloud of a domestic violence investigation in Ohio over an incident during the summer. He has been cleared legally, but not by the NFL.

It hasn't affected Elliott's generally cheery demeanor in the locker room - during the week or on game days.

After the Cowboys broke the club's regular-season re-

cord with their ninth straight win last Sunday against Baltimore, Elliott chided 14th-year tight end Jason Witten about his age yet again.

It was something about the 34-year-old Witten having played football longer than Elliott had been alive.

"Yeah, think about it," Elliott said Tuesday, not backing down from his claim. "If you count his high school, college and pro years. I'm 21. Do the math."

Well, it doesn't quite add up. But that's not really the point. The effect on Elliott's older teammates—which is all of them—is the point.

"He's a totally different player from Week 2 and that's all credit to him by the way he approaches practice, the way he goes out there and just 'beasts' it and has fun throughout practice," receiver Dez Bryant said. "We just go out there and enjoy it."

Besides the sluggish start to the season, Elliott has had slow starts to games. He didn't touch the ball in the second quarter against the Ravens and had 26 yards rushing at halftime.

But Elliott finished with 97 yards for his eighth straight game with at least 92 while breaking Dorsett's club rookie rushing record of 1,007 yards. He needed 25 carries (a rough-and-tumble 3.9-yard average) against the NFL's top rushing defense.

"The teams I've been on and been successful, they are physical teams," said Elliott, who has 1,102 yards rushing. "There are not many teams that want to do that for four quarters and that's a mentality. I think that's the championship style. I think championship teams all have that."

ing its lopsided victory over Matansa.

Paire got a 5-0-5 mark, while Matansa finished with a 3-0-7 record.

Dylan Mister and Kaden Church handed Paire four goals each in their last game to hike their

total to 50 (second most in the division). Jamin Elliot and Robbie Schorr contributed one apiece.

Matansa, on the other hand, drew its goals from Glen Mark Basallo and Elijah Vilamero to haul 29 this season while allowing 57.

spot in the men's over 50 age group anew after reaching the finish line at the 47:15 mark.

In the 40 to 49 division, Kabiriel was ranked first in the men's after clocking in at 45:21, while Eda prevailed in the women's side with her 51:28. Two Saipan Swim Club members—Akira Kadokura and Aoi Braxton—proved they are not only good in swimming, but also in running after winning the U12 age group with times of 1:03:50 and 1:13:35, respectively.

Lydia duplicated her daughter's feat after lording it over in the women's over 50 category with a time of 1:05:34. Race picked up where he left off last year, getting the No.1

ers in the men's and women's divisions received lunch certificates from the race sponsors, while the age group winners got turkey. Raffle prizes were also given to the participants.

Yesterday's race drew 138 runners with most of them made up of sports and fitness groups. MP United Football Club's soccer moms, SSC swimmers, Trench Tech fighters, tennis players, and Get Fit CNMI members were among the participants, along with U.S. Army Reserve members and their families.

Paire slips past Sun Palace



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

A Sun Palace player is down on the pitch after getting tangled up with Paire's Steve McKagan during their game in the M-League last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

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REPORTER



Paire Football Club edged Sun Palace, 2-1, in their Division A game in the M-League last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Tadaomi Yasuda scored the winning goal for Paire in the 53rd minute. Five minutes earlier, Sun Palace tied the match, thanks to Cosmos Kim's shot. Chris Nelson gave Paire the lead in the first half with his goal in the 11th minute.

With the close win, Paire moved up to third place, tying Sun Palace, as the two teams hold identical 2-1-3 win-draw-loss record.

In the other Division A match, MP United clobbered

Matansa, 12-0, to improve to a 6-0-0 record—the best in the field.

Fumikazu Sukenari scored six goals for MP United, while Tenorio added three. Evan Belcher and Yoshi Mafnas chipped in two each, while Nao Habagishi contributed one.

With MP United shutting down Matansa, the latter remained at the bottom of the team standings, holding a 1-0-6 card. Tan Holdings (5-0-1) and Korean Football Association on Saipan (1-0-4) complete the field with the former gaining its fifth victory via forfeiture as KFAS did not have enough players for last weekend's match.

In Division B matches, Shirley's Football Club and NMI U16 won their respec-

tive games.

Shirley's downed the Thundercats, 2-1, while NMI U16 got a free victory (via forfeiture) over Dragon FC. NMI U16 now has a 5-1-0 record to keep the second spot in the division behind idle Kanoa FC (6-0-0). Shirley's, which got its two goals from Panapa Peteru and Gota Kawakami, is also not far behind Kanoa with its 5-1-2 slate. The Thundercats, whose lone goal came from Timothy Tawanpiy, are in fourth place with their 2-1-4 record.

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Atlanta	10	5	.667	—
Charlotte	8	6	.571	1 1/2
Orlando	6	9	.400	4
Washington	4	9	.308	5
Miami	4	10	.286	5 1/2

Central Division

Cleveland	11	2	.846	—
Chicago	9	6	.600	3
Milwaukee	6	7	.462	5
Detroit	7	9	.438	5 1/2
Indiana	7	9	.438	5 1/2

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Southwest Division

San Antonio	12	3	.800	—
Memphis	10	5	.667	2
Houston	9	6	.600	3
New Orleans	6	10	.375	6 1/2
Dallas	2	12	.143	9 1/2

Northwest Division

Oklahoma City	8	8	.500	—
Utah	8	8	.500	—
Portland	8	9	.471	1 1/2
Denver	6	9	.400	1 1/2
Minnesota	4	10	.286	3

Pacific Division

L.A. Clippers	14	2	.875	—
Golden State	13	2	.867	1 1/2
L.A. Lakers	8	8	.500	6
Sacramento	6	9	.400	7 1/2
Phoenix	5	11	.313	9

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

32nd Annual Mt. Tapochao Turkey Trot Run

PHOTOS By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



Ketson "Jack" Kabiriel checks on the people waiting for him at the finish line during yesterday's 32nd Annual Mt. Tapochao Turkey Trot Run.



Three runners slow down a few meters away from the finish line.



From left, Jose Quan, Max Simian, and Vincent Tudela make their way to the finish line.



Ben Babauta tries to catch up with other runners.



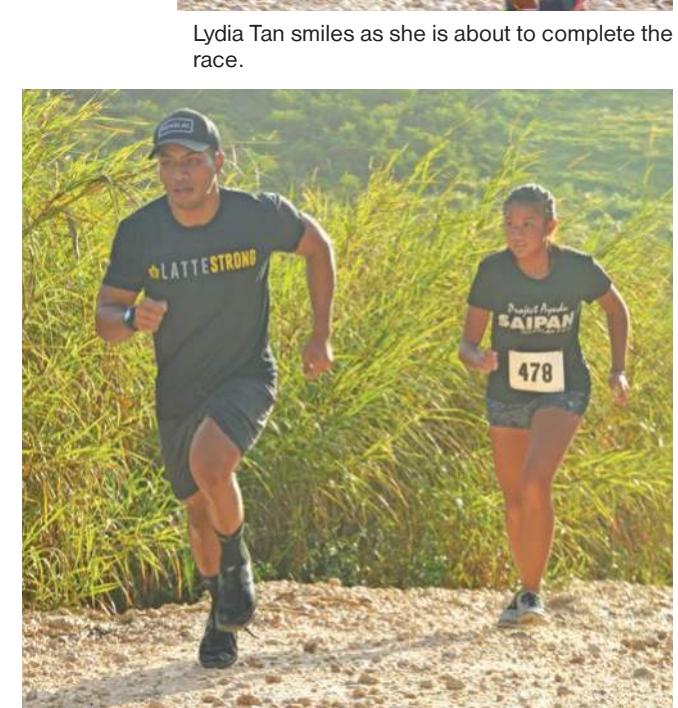
Lydia Tan smiles as she is about to complete the race.



Akira Kadokura keeps his pace as he nears the finish line.



Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio smiles on her way to the finish line.



Salvi Villanueva, left, and Tania Tan are a few steps away from completing the 4.2-mile race.



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ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Finishers in yesterday's 32nd Annual Mt. Tapochao Turkey Trot Run pose for a group photo.

New, repeat winners in Turkey Trot Run

14 teams join Thanksgiving Spike Fest

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The Ol'Aces Sports Club organized 2016 Co-ed Thanksgiving Spike Fest kicked off last Monday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium with 14 teams vying for the championship.

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Players warm up before their game in the 2016 Co-ed Thanksgiving Spike Fest last Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium

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Familiar faces and newcomers topped the 32nd Annual Mt. Tapochao Turkey Trot Run held yesterday.

Charlie Sendin, who won the open division of the 2013 edition of the 4.2-mile trek from Lower Base to the highest peak on the island, was the overall top finisher in the

race after checking in at 40:23. Other former winners who ruled their respective divisions in this year's event were Conatsu Kaga, Jeff Race, Ketson "Jack" Kabiriel, while Lydia

and Tania Tan, Clayton Izuka, Akira Kadokura, Aoi Braxton, Ben Bishop, Emily Northtop, Edward Russel, Jennifer Cui, and Sakiko Eda prevailed in their age groups for the first time.

Bishop, who is on island to visit a friend, was the second overall finisher and reigned supreme in the open division after registering 41:56.

"It was fun. It rained at the start of the race and on the

way up so it was cold and I liked it because it helped me finish the race much easier," Bishop said.



Bishop shared the top honors in the open class with women's division's Northtop, who clocked in at 58:15.

Conatsu, who previously dominated the girls U12 division of the annual race, posted the fastest time (51:28)

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TanHoldings FC unbeaten in fall season

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TanHoldings Football Club's boys U14 team finished the fall season of the 2016 NMI-FA Youth Fall League with a perfect record after winning their final match last Saturday at the Koblerville Elementary School Field.

TanHoldings crushed Shirley's FC, 13-0 to wrap up the double-round robin contest with a 10-0-0 win-draw-loss mark. Mark Esalan capped the division champion's domination in the six-team field with his nine goals in their last match—the most by any player in a single game this season. Joshua Waldo and Thaipi Austria added two apiece, while William Celeste scored the lone goal for Shirley's, which was winless in the competition to land at the last spot in the team standings.

With its 13 goals in its final game, TanHoldings, which was also the spring champion this year, had a total of 80 in 10 games—the most by a team in the entire youth league. It gave up

the least goal in the division, allowing its foes only 14. Shirley's yielded the most (90) and logged only 7 goals.

Kanoa 1, MP United 1

In other results, Kanoa forced



a draw against MP United. Thomas Benavente hit the equalizer for Kanoa as he found his target in the 47th minute. Earlier in the 29th minute, a goal from Oliver Lee put MP United on top.

With the draw, Kanoa finished the season with a 7-1-2 record to rank second in the division. The spring champion MP United ended up at fourth place with its 4-1-5 card. Kanoa collected 48 goals (third best in the division) and allowed 18, while MP United

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Mark Esalan, left, seen here beating MP United's Go Sekiguchi to the ball in their second meeting in the recently concluded fall season of the NMI-FA youth league, scored nine goals in their final match in the boys U14 division last Saturday at the Koblerville Elementary School Field.